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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...

Attendees at the LSCC Club Meeting during F.U.N. January 4-7, 2024



Annular Eclipse - 1876-CC Double Dime Obverse - Gardner Collection
and Total Eclipse - Reverse (Artwork by John Frost)



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*E-Gobrecht's
20th Year
2014-2024*

*Welcome to the
following new LSCC
Member(s) this month:*

*Nick Bryant
Theodore Barrow
Gavin Cognion
Cary Conrow
Tim Hood
Anthony Spagnolo*

*There are currently
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Subscribers to E-Gobrecht
& counting
including **277** local coin
clubs across the country*



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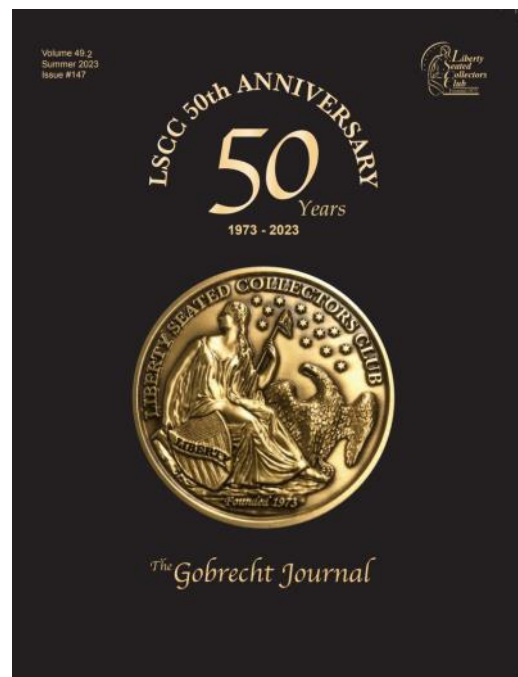


President's Message

Welcome to the first E-Gobrecht issue of 2024. For those counting at home, this represents year 20 of the E-Gobrecht, which was launched by Bill Bugert and now shepherded by Paul Kluth. A big thanks to our past and current editor!

By the time you are reading this, the FUN and New York International shows will be history, and the numismatic year will be in full swing. I hope the new year brings peace, prosperity, and promising coins for all of you!

...Len Augsburger



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Editor's View From the Rim

50 years & counting and 20 years & counting? ...PK

Last month or should I say last year, I somewhat humorously eluded to the coming of 2024 as “Area 51”, LSCC’s start of its 51st year. What will surprise us all this coming year, “numismatically-speaking” of course?

Now we can also talk about the other 20 milestone! E-Gobrecht is celebrating its own start of its 20th year in being around for members and other interested, “numismatically-inclined” subscribers.

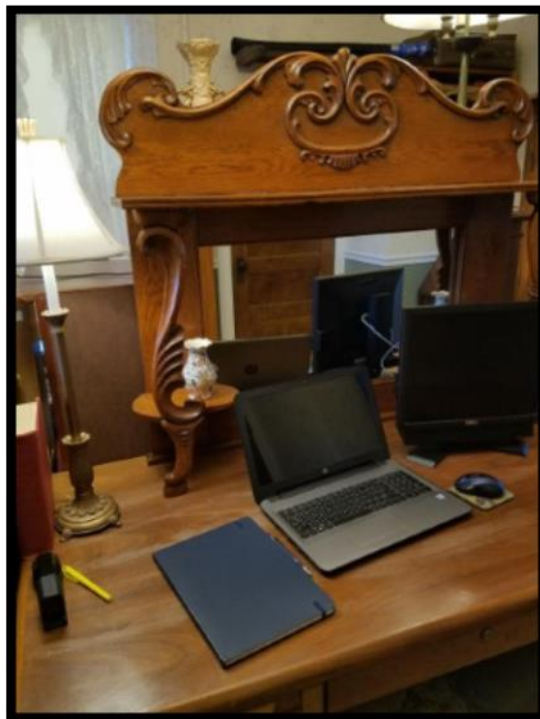
With nearly 1400 subscribers (including LSCC members, local coin club contacts & members, and other interested parties), E-Gobrecht as a monthly electronic publication, is provided as a complimentary, shared resource by the LSCC.

Did you know that both the **Liberty Seated Collectors Club** and the **Barber Coin Collectors Society** has many fine “recorded” educational resources across various topics for subscriber use. The recordings are great for local clubs to share with their own members during meetings, and at no cost. See page 19 for more details, links and downloads.

And see page 18 about the history of Chief Engravers Christian Gobrecht and William Barber.

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It is also a great time of year to take a moment to thank all the Club Officers, Directors, and the Regional Team and its Volunteers for their hard-working dedication to the Club, and for their support in making the LSCC one of the best specialty clubs in the hobby! On behalf of E-Gobrecht and all of its subscribers across the country, **thank you for all that you do!**





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LSCC Membership Renewals (Craig Eberhart, Secretary)

Manually processing hundreds of membership renewals is slow, but this year is even slower than usual for several reasons: I was gone over the holidays for three weeks (which stops processing in its tracks), snail mail seems to be slower than ever, and the LSCC is transitioning from a spreadsheet with all manual entries to an automated website database. This transition requires even more information checking than usual because we are currently using two different systems for this renewal/payment cycle. Hopefully next year, we will primarily be using the website, which is already functioning and can now be used by all members (<http://www.lscweb.org/Renew.shtml>).

Special Note: LCSS Annual Membership Renewals are now due,
if your membership expires as of 2023.

(See your insert in the latest Fall issue of The Gobrecht Journal
and please don't forget to vote for the Annual Awards)



**Barber Coin
Collectors' Society**
Founded 1989



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

Commentary on the State of the Coin Market and Liberty Seated Coins (as of FUN January 2024) by LSCC Members

[*Len Augsburger*] I was not at the FUN show, but the market is clearly strong. Heritage Auctions just reported their 2023 results and noted enthusiastic bidder interest across all categories of collectibles. Within the Liberty Seated arena, bifurcation remains in full force with the best pieces selling at levels substantially above published guide values. Gold is close to record high levels, which generally correlates with increased market activity in the rare coin space. For 2024, let's note that the stock market tends to move up during election years, meaning that there will be cash available to fuel the collectibles space. For those thinking about selling, this year should deliver healthy results.

On the buy side, I'd urge collectors to be contrarians – for example, instead of paying the CAC premium for a CAC or CACG coin, think about coins that are clearly original but not stickered for what-ever reason – perhaps they are liners, or perhaps the reason for CAC not liking the coin is completely unclear. They are many such attractive pieces in the market. I submitted one such coin to CAC that I am sure will sell for multiples of the guide price when the time comes. The piece was in an MS61 holder and John Albanese thought he detected the slightest bit of rub at the high points. No sticker! Regardless, the coin exhibits exceptional eye appeal and would be a bargain if offered at the PCGS guide level.

[*Clint Cummins*] **Liberty Seated Half Dime - Attribution Guide.** Overview: A work-in-progress, an attribution guide modelled after guides already created by LSCC members. A compilation of research already done (much by Steve Crain and Clint Cummins and a group of dedicated half dime enthusiasts).

Update: In recent months, life's little challenges has slowed the project for attribution of "Liberty Seated Half Dimes". Last fall, the upgrade of several existing guides to a newer format was completed.

Currently the 1871's are still in the old format, but are nearly updated. After that, I expect to work on one or two a month. The 1870-s is now ready to view.

A few common dates will obviously be difficult (1853, 1854, 1856, 1857, 1858), but much ground work has already been done. If the past is a guide, the O mints will be finished first, and the difficult ones above will follow. The current Guide is available at the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/clintcummins/half-dime-attribution-guide>

[*John Frost*] Here is a photo shown during the BCCS meeting at FUN.

The caption is: "Carl Feldman having lunch with William Barber and a young Charles Barber at the Philadelphia mint, where they were discussing coinage ideas".

They are all wearing BCCS polo shirts!





The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

More on the Stack's Bowers Liberty Seated Dollar Sale

Last month we wrote about a group of 13 1860-O dollars that appeared in the Stack's Bowers Collectors Choice auction of December 5. One of the buyers at the sale phoned me with further comments. He examined the Seated dollars in the sale firsthand and felt the group had been together for an extended period time, as many of the pieces shared a common "look." Pieces were not freshly scrubbed to a white color, and secondary toning, if any, appeared to be vintage. This buyer was pleased with his purchases, about 20 coins total, and felt that the prices paid were quite reasonable.

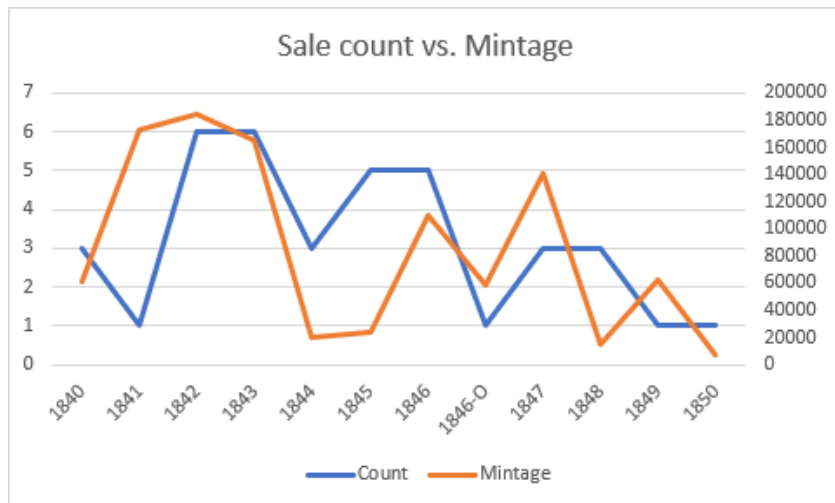
Dates represented by the Liberty Seated dollars in this sale broke down as follows:

1840 - 3	1846 - 5	1860-O - 13
1841 - 1	1846-O - 1	1863 - 1
1842 - 6	1847 - 3	1868 - 1
1843 - 6	1848 - 3	1870 - 2
1844 - 3	1849 - 1	1872 - 3
1845 - 5	1850 - 1	1873 - 1

A few common dates are suspiciously absent, such as the 1859-O, 1871, and 1872. One can only hope a subsequent sale will reveal these pieces. Issues in the 1850s and the 1870s Carson City pieces are scarce, and their lack of representation is not a surprise. If these coins existed in the group, they would no doubt have been placed in higher profile auctions.

The chart on this page compares the number of pieces for the 1840s coins in the sale vs. the mintage for each date. The correlation is not the strongest, but is close enough to speculate that these pieces might have been randomly drawn from circulation long ago.

The grade distribution of the 59 Seated dollars in the sale was typical, ranging from VF30 to AU58.



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In general, Seated dollars circulated little, since after the 1853 Coinage Act the weight in the dollar exceeded (slightly) that of two half dollars. Extremely worn pieces are thus infrequently encountered. This pattern is similar to gold coinage of the same era. Clearly, the lower denominations were the workhorses of the economy, not surprising in an era when a dollar a day represented a working wage in many parts of the country.



1842 Liberty Seated dollar from Stack's Bowers December 5 Collectors Choice sale,
NGC EF40, lot 90176, realized \$600

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Regional News

by Ken Otto, Regional Team Director, LSCC #2674

**LSCC is Off to a Strong Start in 2024
following the Winter FUN Show**

The LSCC Regional Team was at the Winter FUN show in force to kick off the 2024 regional program. The team will be active at several coin shows over the next 3-4 months and expects to maintain the momentum that we established in 2023 as we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of LSCC in Pittsburgh last August.

The LSCC team will participate at the Houston Money Show to be held January 19-20 at the Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road at FM 3083, Conroe, TX. The Club table will be hosted by John Frost and Ken Otto. John plans to make an educational presentation at the show.

The LSCC Regional team will also participate in the North Utah Coin Show in Sandy, UT to be held on January 19-20 at the Best Western Cotton Tree Inn, 10696 Auto Mall Drive, Sandy, UT 84070. Ernie Ely will host the Club table at this event.

The LSCC team will participate in the Knoxville Coin & Currency Show in Knoxville, TN to be held on February 2-3 at the Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN. Dennis Fortier and John Frost will host the Club table and plan to make an educational presentation.

The LSCC team will participate in the 2024 Charlotte Coin Club Annual Show to be held on February 9-10 at The Park Expo & Conference Center, 800 Briar Creek (corner of Independence Blvd.), Charlotte, NC 28205. John Lundsten will host the Club table.

The LSCC Regional team will be at the Whitman Spring Baltimore Expo to be held on March 21-23 at the Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt St., Baltimore, Maryland. The Club table will be hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Len Augsburg, Ken Otto, Joe Casazza and John Lundsten. There will be a Club dinner at the Pratt Street Ale House on Thursday evening, March 21 at 6:30 PM and the LSCC Meeting will take place on its traditional day during the show on Friday, March 22 at 9:00 am.

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The Regional team participated at the Winter FUN Coin Show in Orlando, FL which was held January 4-7 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL.

This is always a major coin show that kicks off the new year for the coin market. The 2024 winter FUN show was well attended and appeared to be very successful according to most dealers and collectors that we spoke to. The Club table was hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Ken Otto, Carl Feldman, John Lundsten and Joe Casazza.

There was a Club dinner at Millers Ale House which had a good turnout on Thursday evening. We conducted a Club meeting on Friday morning that was reasonably well attended. An educational presentation prepared by John Frost was made during the meeting on Carson City Liberty Seated coins.

During the Club meeting there was a good discussion among attendees regarding several important issues impacting the Liberty Seated coin market. The LSCC community made significant contributions to the FUN education program. Gerry Fortin made a presentation on the Liberty Seated Dime series and John Frost made a presentation on Barber Coins during the show.

See photos from FUN on next 5 pages and meeting attendees on Cover page.

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Call for LSCC Hall of Fame Nominations for 2024 (Due by April 15)

Send to: Dennis Fortier at ricajun@msn.com or 215 Pomeroy Drive, Crossville, TN 38558

Nominator _____ LSCC Member Yes / No

Nominee _____ Provide any of the following information to assist with selection:

1. Time as LSCC Club Officer or Leader / Position
2. Collections Built, including grade and as many specifics as possible
3. Published Writings (Liberty Seated Books, Articles, etc.)
4. Club Contributions (promoting or assisting the LSCC in its mission)
5. Numismatic or LSCC Awards
6. Miscellaneous Data that might add to Nominee's consideration & Nominators Comments

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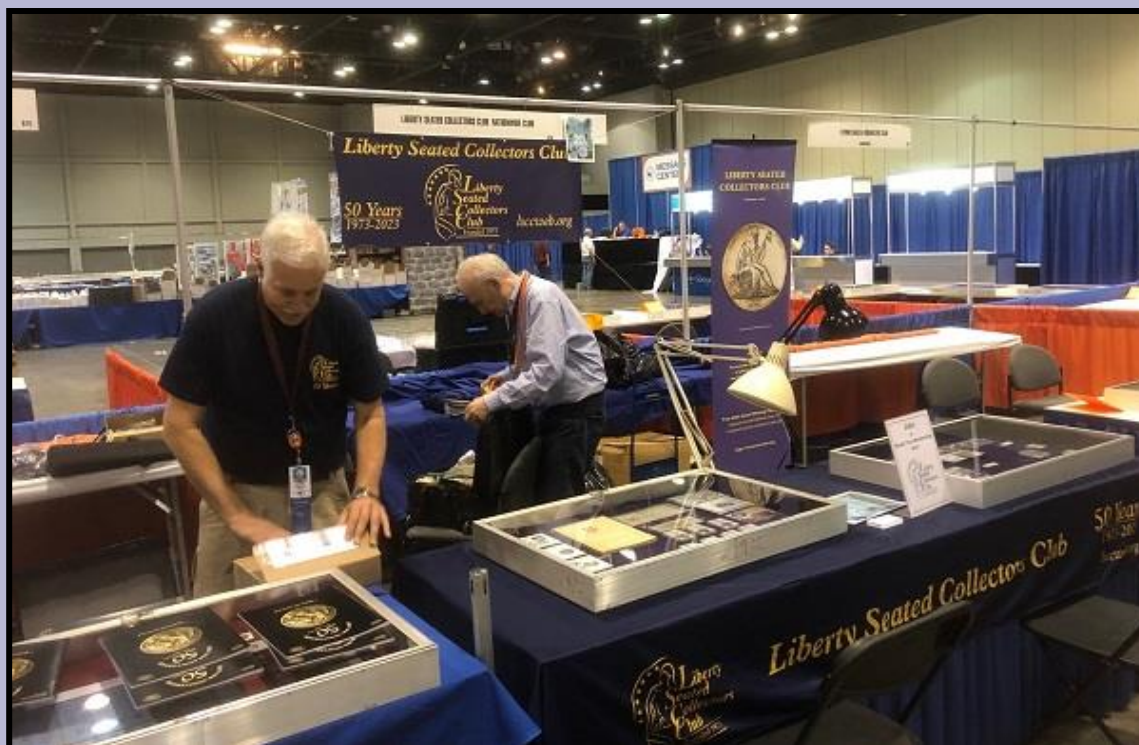
Club Dinner Attendees on 1st Night of F.U.N.
Others came just after this photo was taken.



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Club Table Setup at F.U.N. (Top Image)



John Lundsten with FUN attendee
Dennis Fortier, VP with two YNs

**FUN Club
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FUN Club Table Display

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Did you know that LSCC Members are also members
of other fine specialty clubs here in the U.S.?

So what other interesting, numismatic-specialty organizations
exist for collectors of 19th century U.S. Coins & Currency?

NBS - Numismatic Bibliomania Society
with a fantastic, complimentary subscription e-publication
called the E-Sylum * (weekly every Sunday evening)
(Use and collection of Numismatic Literature)

<https://www.coinbooks.org/>
<http://e-sylum.org/>

NNP - Newman Numismatic Portal *
at Washington University, St. Louis, MO
(Free online access to the primary and most comprehensive resource for
numismatic research and reference material, initially
concentrating on U.S. Coinage and Currency)

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/>

BCCS - Barber Coin Collectors' Society
(Charles Barber designed Dimes, Quarters, Halves & Liberty Head Nickels)

<http://www.barbercoins.org/>

JRCS - John Reich Collectors Society
(Bust design series of Half Dimes, Dimes, Quarters, Halves & Dollars)

<https://www.jrcs.org/>

Bust Half Nut Club
(Very specialized Bust Halves by Variety/Die Marriage)

<http://www.busthalfnutclub.org/>

EAC - Early American Coppers
(Colonials, Half Cents, Large Cents & Hard Times Tokens)

<https://eacs.org/>

* Free access to organization's resources

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Fly-In Club
(Flying Eagle & Indian Head Cent Collectors Society)
<https://www.fly-inclub.org/>

Society of Silver Dollar Collectors
(Morgan & Peace Silver Dollar VAM Varieties)
<https://ssdcvams.com/>

TAMS - Token and Medal Society
<https://www.tokenandmedal.org/>

CWTS - Civil War Token Society
<http://cwtsociety.com/>

CONECA - Combined Organization of Numismatic Error Collectors
of America (includes all U.S. error coins and currency, and varieties)
<https://conecaonline.org/>

SPMC - Society of Paper Money Collectors
(Study of paper money and related financial history)
<https://www.spmc.org/>

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ANA—American Numismatic Association
(National organization dedicated to the study & collecting of coins, etc.)
<https://www.money.org/>

ANS—American Numismatic Society
(National organization dedicated to the study of coins, currency, medals,
tokens, and related objects from all cultures, past and present)
<https://numismatics.org/>

Attention LSCC Half Dollar Collectors
2024 Census for Capped Bust Reeded Edge Halves

“Gobrecht” Bust Half Dollars
by Jim Koenings, LSCC #2798 & JRCS #048

Last November, I began asking all my Newsletter publication readers to begin reporting their inventories of Reeded Edge Halves for the 3rd Census. This included 27 LSCC members and about 100 additional collectors that had signed up for my free publication. **The deadline for sending your updated inventories is March 15, 2024** with the results being printed in the June-July issues of both the JRCS Journal and the equivalent E-Gobrecht or The Gobrecht Journal.

This 2024 Census is very important as it will determine new rarity ratings for all 56 known die marriages. There were several die marriages where rarity ratings changed in the 2nd Census of 2021. The 2024 Census may reflect changes from newly collected data.

This notice is mainly for E-Gobrecht subscribers who are not receiving my Newsletters. If you have Reeded Edge Halves, please let me know by sending me your email address. I will then send you a form that you can fill out. If you do not know the die marriage, you can send photos to me and I will help you attribute them. Please send your emails to Jim Koenings at:

bustcoin1@verizon.net

Again, please report every die marriage you can as each coin is important!

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Read the U.S. Mint history about
Christian Gobrecht (1785-1844)
Third Chief Engraver of the United States
and prominent designer of U.S. Liberty Seated coinage

<http://www.lscweb.org/ChristianGobrecht.shtml>

and

William Barber (1807-1879)
5th Chief Engraver of the United States
and prominent designer & engraver of medals & patterns

<http://www.lscweb.org/WilliamBarber.shtml>

See both of their portrait images on page 20.

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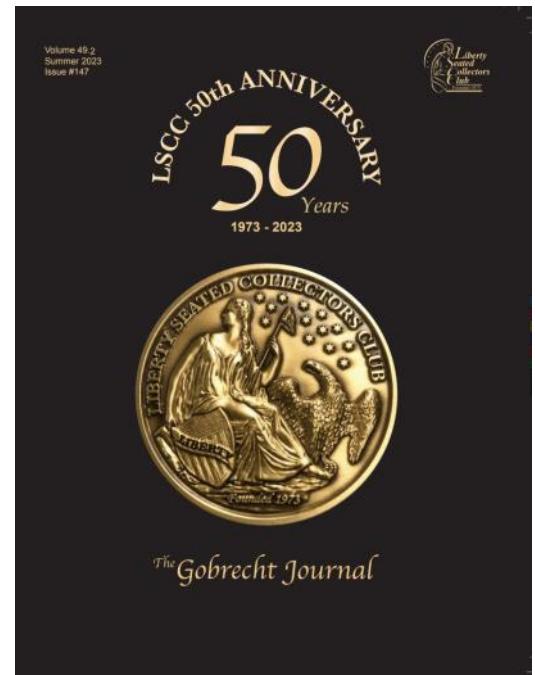
<http://www.lscweb.org/Education.shtml>

<http://www.lscweb.org/Recordings.shtml>

<http://www.barbercoins.org/Education.shtml>

<http://www.barbercoins.org/RRecordings.shtml>

If you have questions about what is best to share with your local club members, contact John Frost, LSCC Education Director & BCCS President at john.frost@doubledimes.com



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http://www.lscweb.org/LSCC_Membership.pdf

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P.O. Box 1386, Los Alamos, NM 87544

LSCC 2024 Regional Events Calendar

** Details Mostly Finalized*

***January 19-20** Houston Money Show, Lone Star Convention Center, Conroe (Houston), TX - Meeting on Friday with Education Program TBD, Club table with hosts Ken Otto and John Frost.

***January 19-20** North Utah Coin Show, Best Western Cotton Tree Inn, Sandy, UT - y Show, Lone Star Convention Center, Conroe (Houston), TX - Club table with host Ernie Ely.

***February 2-3** Knoxville Coin & Currency Show, Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, Knoxville, TN - Club table with hosts Dennis Fortier and John Frost, Education Program TBD.

***February 9-10** Charlotte Coin Club Annual Show, Park Expo & Conference Center, Charlotte, NC - Club table hosted by John Lundsten.

March 21-23 Whitman Spring Baltimore Coin & Currency Expo, Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD - Club meeting, dinner, table and Education Program TBD.

(More event details and addresses of show locations are in Ken Otto's Regional Report on pages 9-15. Also see LSCC/BCCS websites.)



Christian Gobrecht



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William Barber

'Gobrecht' Bust Half Dollars

Announcement: '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 Gobrecht Journal from time to time, but not E-Gobrecht. To learn more about Reeded Edge Halves or to ask questions, contact Jim Koenings below.

If you haven't done so, now is the time to sign up for our **Complimentary Monthly Newsletters (past & present)** by sending your Name and e-Mail Address to:

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Half Crazy

The Newsletter of the
Seated Half Society

**Society hits Milestone of 31
Founding Members in first year**



To receive the Half Crazy Newsletter for free and for further information about the SHS or questions about Liberty Seated Halves, please contact Verne Pitman or myself.

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To encourage, promote, and dispense numismatic knowledge of Liberty Seated coins; to cultivate fraternal relations among its members and all those interested in the science of numismatics.

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