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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...



James Webb Space Telescope
peers behind the bars of NGC 5068
(a recent extraordinary image) as a background
for another extraordinary image of an
1861 Liberty Seated Half Dime
PCGS MS67+ PCGS CAC
“A True Galaxy of Colors”
(coin photos courtesy of HA.com)

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E-Gobrecht's
20th Year
2014-2024

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

Chris Fazio
Ray Garrison
Russell Hardisty
Walter Holmes, Jr.
William McCarthy
David Shenkman
Cory Williams

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including **362** local coin
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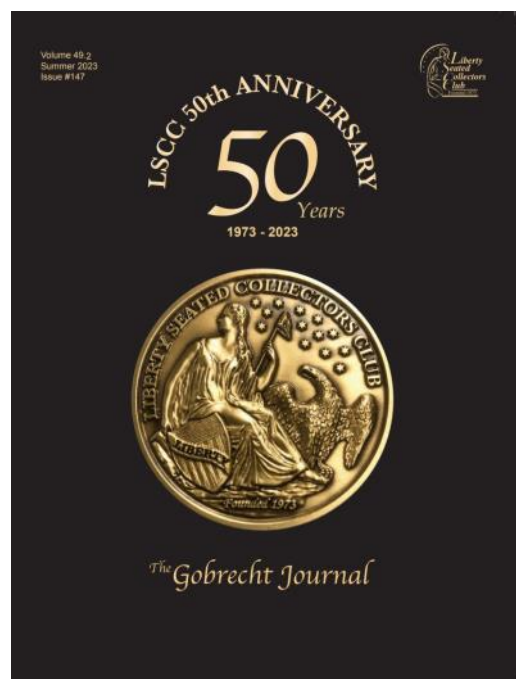
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President's Message

Welcome to our February issue, and as always, a big thanks is due to our editor Paul Kluth for compiling the various goings-on in the world of Liberty Seated coinage.

Our show calendar tells us that the Baltimore March show and the May Central States show are upcoming. Unfortunately, I'll miss Baltimore this time, but hope to see a few of you at the Central States convention. Mitch Ernst and Cindy Wibker are doing great work with this event and attendees will find the time well spent. Make your plans now! ...*Len Augsburg*



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Editor's View From the Rim

Their Friendship Can Be Very Worthwhile ...PK

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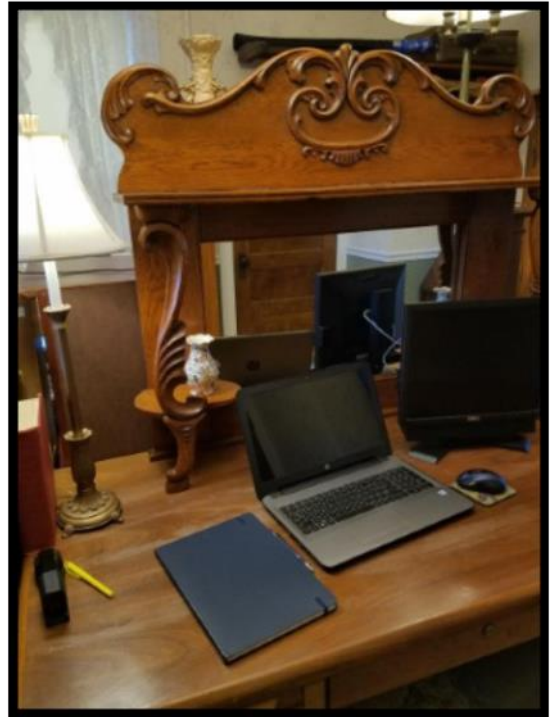
Being a member of a numismatic organization like a specialty club (of course LSCC for instance) or your local coin club can provide for not only a social atmosphere of comradery, but a chance to learn from other members. Members who have been collecting for a while usually like to share with others their experience, knowledge, pitfalls to be aware of, and a larger perspective about the area you specifically collect.

On behalf of the LSCC and in the months ahead, I plan to reach out to many of the various specialty clubs about freely posting their announcements in E-Gobrecht to help promote their organizations to a larger audience. Since so many subscribers of E-Gobrecht are also members other clubs, it certainly wouldn't hurt to cross promote each other for everyone's benefit.

Not that you don't already know it, and not because I happen to be the editor of this e-newsletter, but Len Augsburger's monthly column "The Curious Collector" is always quite interesting to investigate and read. Len has a tendency to do a brief, but deep dive into 'Christian Gobrecht' or 'Liberty Seated' topics that are both quite informative and missed by other researchers and authors. A read each month of what Len has uncovered is certainly worth the visit.

Again, did you know that both the **Liberty Seated Collectors Club** and the **Barber Coin Collectors Society** have 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 15 for more details, links and downloads.

Also see page 8 for the history of Chief Engravers Christian Gobrecht and William Barber. Their contributions to the designs of U.S. coinage during the 19th century might be considered superhuman in nature from an artistic point of view.





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

The new website which is now also functioning,
can be used by all members to pay their dues:

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



**Barber Coin
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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.



The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

A Bit of Medalllic Serendipity

A few years ago, I acquired an example of the Franklin Institute medal, which bears a bust of the American statesman and inventor Benjamin Franklin. Christian Gobrecht engraved the dies for this medal in 1825, based on a portrait by Thomas Sully. Sully was later involved with the initial designs for the obverse of the Liberty Seated coinage. Philadelphia was a small city at the time, and the artists no doubt all knew each other and were familiar with the work of their colleagues.



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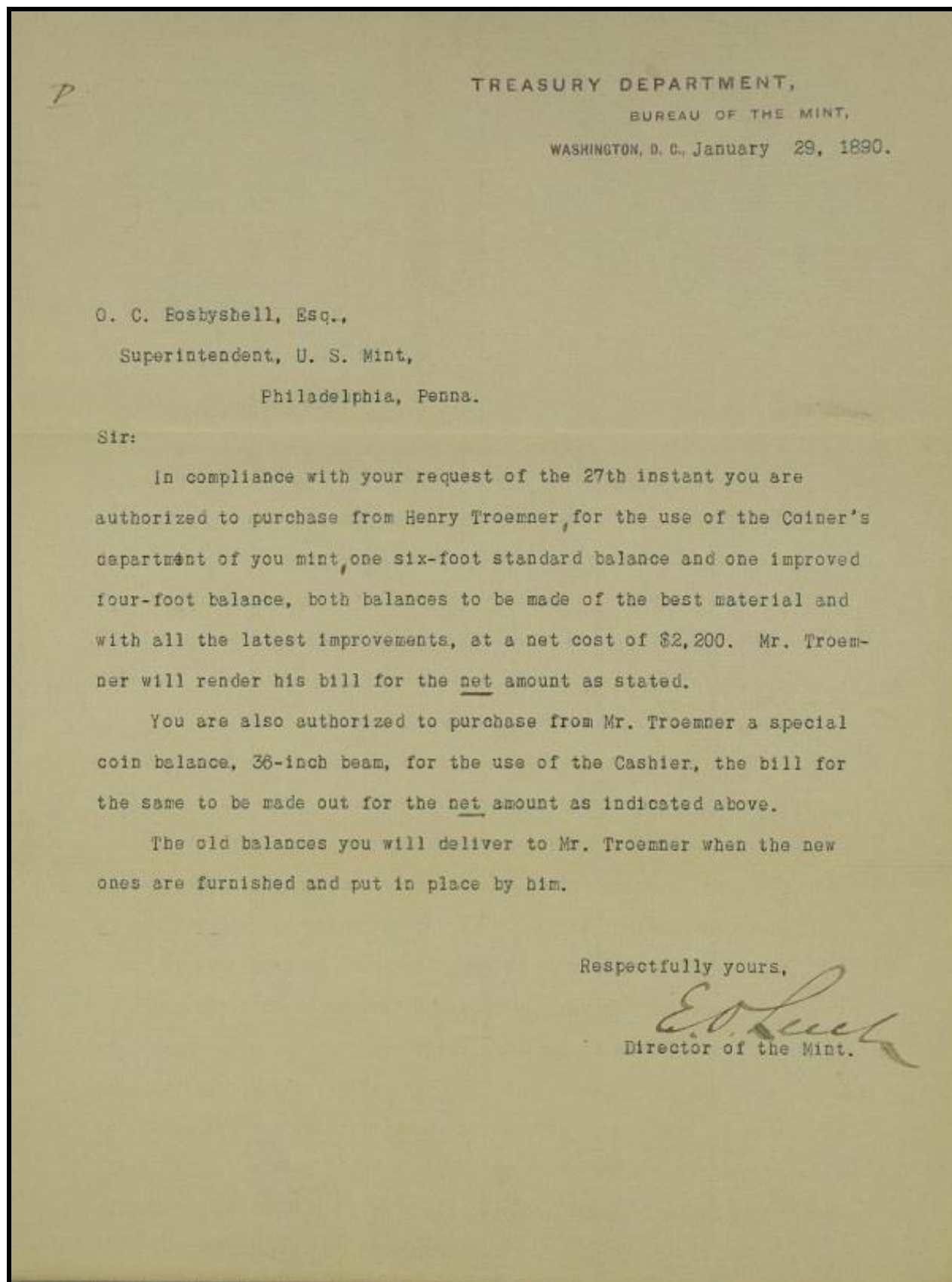
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The Franklin Institute, in Philadelphia, used these medals to recognize achievement in science and industry. This example was awarded to H. Troemner, "for Fine Balances" in 1874. Until recently, I did not even think to look up Mr. Troemner. I was pleased when I did. It turns out Troemner was a vendor to the U.S. Mint. A January 29, 1890 letter from the Mint Director Edward Leach to the Philadelphia Mint Superintendent O.C. Bosbyshell directs the purchase of two Troemner scales at a total cost of \$2,200. [See next page for an image of this Letter.]

Precise accounting of the gold and silver flowing to the Mint was critical to ensuring integrity in the country's money supply, and scales played an important role by weighing precious metal deposits, in addition to finished coins. That the Mint placed such confidence in Troemner says much.

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This example is not Troemner's only Franklin Institute award. A search of the Heritage Auctions archives reveals two other examples, a silver medal awarded in 1885 for "analytical balances" and a bronze medal in 1874 for a "coffee mill." I suspect there is more to be learned of Mr. Troemner, but combining coins and coffee is a good start!

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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

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Regional News

by Ken Otto, Regional Team Director, LSCC #2674

**The LSCC Regional Program
is in Full Swing in Early 2024**

Following the Winter FUN show that was held in Orlando in early January, the LSCC Regional Team has been actively involved in several important regional coin shows across the United States to kick off 2024. The Team is also looking forward to several more regional shows in February followed by the Whitman Winter Baltimore show in March.

LSCC was represented 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 the Club celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the LSCC in Pittsburgh last August.

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 and Jerry Sable 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, Ken Otto, and Joe Casazza. 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.

The LSCC Team will participate in the New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo which will be held on March 29-30 at the Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, New Hampshire. Joe Casazza, Northeast Regional Director, will host the Club table at this important regional show. John Frost plans to

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Regional News cont.

make an educational presentation at this show. The regional meeting and presentation will be held on Friday.

The LSCC Team will be at the Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show which will be held on April 19-21 at the Dalton Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton, Georgia. This is the third year that the LSCC has participated at this large regional coin show. Dennis Fortier and Ken Otto will host the Club table.

The Regional LSCC Team will participate in the Central States Numismatic Association (CSNA) 85th Annual Convention which will be held on May 1-4 at the Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, Illinois. This is one of the best shows on the LSCC calendar and we will have a strong presence at this event. Club President Len Augsburger will preside at the Regional Club meeting and make an educational presentation for attendees. Dennis Fortier, Ken Otto, Len Augsburger and others will host the Club table.

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In adding to what was reported last month. the Regional Team participated at the Winter FUN Coin Show in Orlando, FL which was held on January 4-7 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. The 2024 winter FUN show was well attended and appeared to be very successful for both collectors and dealers. The Club table was hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Ken Otto, Carl Feldman, John Lundsten and Joe Casazza. There was a Club dinner on Thursday evening and a

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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

Regional News cont.

Club meeting on Friday morning. Educational presentations were made by John Frost and Gerry Fortin. Dennis Fortier is talking with young numismatists in the photo below:



The LSCC Team also participated in the North Utah Coin Show which was held on January 19-20 at the Best Western Cotton Tree Inn in Sandy, UT.

Ernie Ely hosted the Club table at this event. Ernie's report follows on the next page:



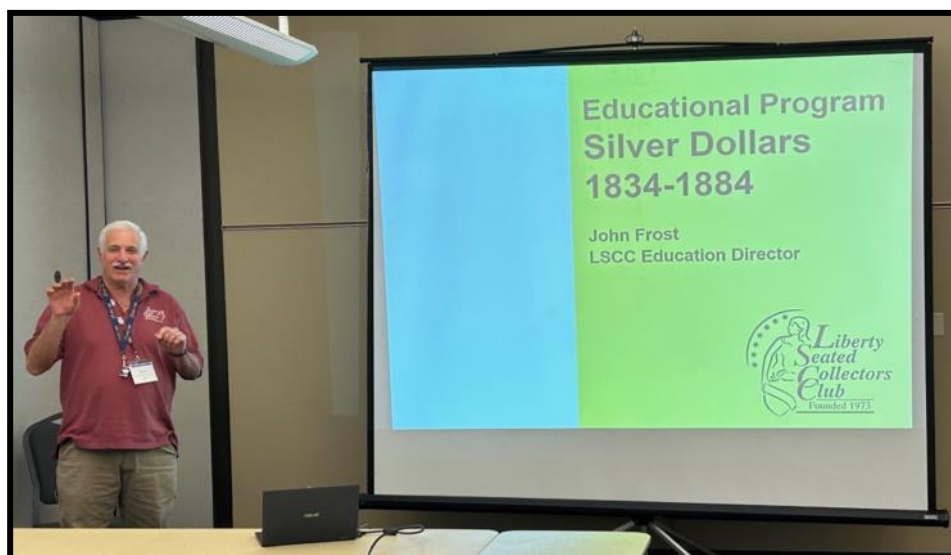
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Regional News cont.

The North Utah Coin Show was well attended. The picture of the Club table (see photo on previous page) was taken at a rare time when no one was at the table. Ernie displayed a complete set of Seated half dimes and his favorite pages of Seated half dollars including many varieties and the ten years of low mintage halves. Ernie's grandson was with Ernie at the table and he really enjoyed his first coin show. Ernie signed up for the next show in Layton, UT, which is scheduled for May. To fellow LSCC members and interested parties, he said "See you there!"



LSCC team participated at the Houston Money Show which was held on January 19-20 at the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe, TX. The Club table was hosted by John Frost pictured with Dick Osburn in the photo above. John made two educational presentations at the show (see photo below) which were very well received.



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#6. Network with like-minded collectors who sometime have duplicates of the coins you're looking for. Some rare coins never make it to a dealer display case or website.

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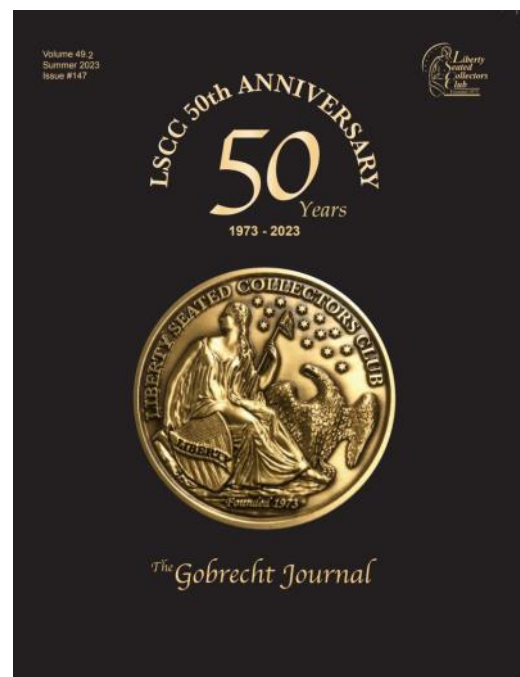
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If you have questions about what is best to share with your local club members, contact John Frost, LSCC Education Director & BCCS President at john.frost@doubledimes.com



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LSCC 2024 Regional Events Calendar

** Details Mostly Finalized*

***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 - LSCC Club meeting on Friday at 9 a.m., Club dinner, table and Education Program TBD. BCCS meeting and Educational Program hosted by John Frost on Friday afternoon.

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Christian Gobrecht



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William Barber

Attention LSCC Half Dollar Collectors

2024 Census for Capped Bust Reeded Edge Halves

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

As previously announced, the submission deadline for the 3rd Census of Reeded Edge Half Dollars is March 15th. The updated survey results are being printed in the June-July issues of both the JRCS Journal and the equivalent E-Gobrecht or The Gobrecht Journal.



This updated 2024 Census is important as it will determine new rarity ratings for all 56 known die marriages. All collectors are encouraged to participate.

For more information, please contact Jim Koenings at:

bustcoin1@verizon.net



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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