

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



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*E-Gobrecht's
18th Year
2014-2022*

*Welcome to the
following new LSCC
Members this month:*

*Jim Merulla
Jerry Pickell
Mark Richardson
John Spellman
Richard White*

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President's Message

Welcome to the June issue of the E-Gobrecht. I'd like to welcome John Lundsten as our new Treasurer, who is appointed to this position through the end of the current election cycle. John is a dedicated student of Liberty Seated coinage with an extensive collection including multiple denominations. He has a strong background in business and accounting, and we appreciate him taking on this service to the Club.

On another note, although we've traditionally not met at the summer Baltimore show, we're going to give it a shot this year, and I hope to see you at our regularly scheduled 9 a.m. meeting on Friday, June 10 at the Baltimore Convention Center.

...Len Augsburg



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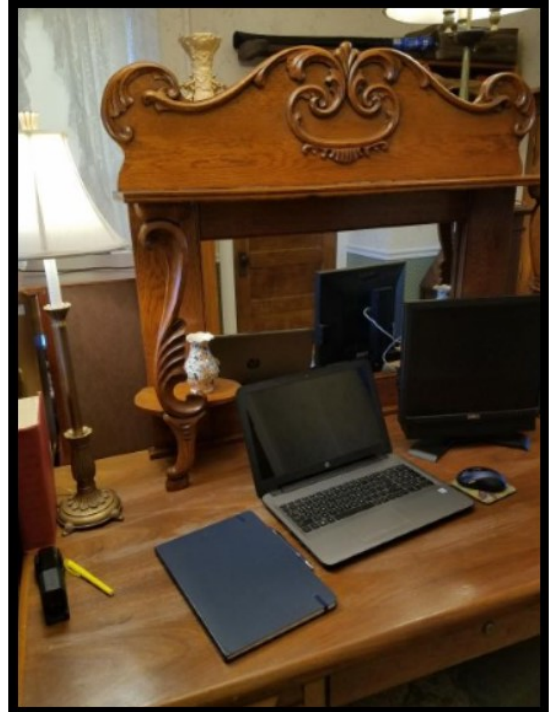
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Editor's View From the Rim

On Vacation this Month...

Readers get a break from the Editor's View in June, so instead we will take a trip down memory lane when Liberty Seated coins circulated freely as common change and were considered by many to be works of art ...PK





On the Front Cover of this month's E-Gobrecht

As Dark and Crusty, and Shiny as the Moonlight Sky over Still Waters

The background image comes from subscriber John Bianco while vacationing in South Carolina looking over a lake on a dark moonlit night.

Now the coins themselves are from the photo archives of LSCC member/dealer David Kahn and his daughter Melissa who handles their great coin imaging. She picked these out for the issue.

An 1859-O Liberty Seated Dollar w/ both obverse & reverse images

An 1859-O Liberty Seated Dollar in higher grade w/ both obverse & reverse images

An 1871 Liberty Seated Dollar w/ both obverse & reverse images

Liberty Seated dollars you might say are a special breed of a denomination for a special breed of collector in the Liberty Seated design series. Both are the big boys of that silver world!



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Regional News

by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

The Summer Doldrums of the Coin Market

June and July present a quiet time for the most part in the coin market. Family vacations, travel, outdoor activities and chores; these are the things that occupy our thoughts at this time of year. Even Summer Seminar is restrained this year. The LSCC seminar on Liberty Seated Coinage along with many other classes have been canceled due to a lack of sign-ups. Could it be the cost of gas or the airline hassles, who knows?

We have one show on the docket for June, Summer Baltimore on June 9-11. The Regional team takes a breather at this smaller show with Club President Len Augsburg hosting the Club meeting on Friday, June 10 at 9 a.m. in Room 301 of the Baltimore Convention Center, just 2 floors above the Bourse floor level. However, there will be no Club table or Club dinner though some folks may informally gather for a meal.

Len's presentation at the Club Meeting will be a review of the "Pioneer Boone Family" sale of Liberty Seated Half Dollars. A die variety collectors bonanza. Possibly the best die variety collection to cross the block since the "Dick Osburn" sale.

We have a new show added to our list for July. The LSCC/BCCS were invited to the Cincinnati Coin Show on July 14-16. Dennis Fortier will host a Club table and educational presentation at this show.

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Regional News cont.

July 29-30 has Northeast Regional Director Joe Casazza hosting the Club table at the Massachusetts Bay State show. More on these two July shows next month.

This past May, Dennis Fortier hosted the Club table at the Gallatin, TN coin show. He displayed his Carson City Half Dollars and gave presentations on “Building a Short Set of Carson City Half Dollars on a Budget” as well as “Why You should Collect Liberty Seated and Barber Coinage”. Both talks were well attended with two enthusiastic collectors joining the LSCC after the presentations.

We are happy to report there will be some new additions to the Regional Team. We have a member from Missouri looking to cover parts of his state and a member from San Francisco interested to working the Northern California area. It is hoped these motivated individuals can become active in the Regional Program soon. Now if we could just find one member from Southern California?

We are still getting membership renewals even at this late date. New member applications and member renewals will be delayed this month due to travel plans. Please be patient.

Images from the recent Gallatin, TN Coin Show table display by LSCC





Regional News cont.

More LSCC Club table images



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Carson City Half Dollar and Chopmark Survey

Deadline July 31

Fill out the survey on-line at the LSCC

Club website or mail the form in to:

Dennis Fortier

215 Pomeroy Dr

Crossville TN 38558



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& E-Gobrecht classified ad rates available upon request

Direct inquires to Len Augsburger at: leonard_augsburger@hotmail.com



LSCC Upcoming 2022 Regional Events Schedule

** Details Mostly Finalized*

*** June 9-11** Whitman Baltimore Summer Convention, Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD - Club Meeting & Educational Program on Friday at 9 a.m. in Room 301. Everyone is invited to attend. No Club table this particular show.

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

July 7-9 F.U.N. Summer Convention, Orlando, FL - Full details to follow.

July 14-16 Cincinnati Coin Show (OH) - Full details to follow.

July 29-30 Baystate Coin Show (MA) - Full details to follow.

August 16-20 ANA World's Fair of Money, Rosemont (Chicago), IL - Full details to follow.



*** LSCC Club Auction Donation Announcement ***

2022 Annual Meeting during Summer ANA Convention

Donations and consignments are requested to support club efforts.

Liberty Seated Coins, Exonumia and Books
are wanted soon in time for the ANA Annual Club Meeting.

Please contact Club VP Dennis Fortier at ricajun@msn.com to donate or consign.

LSCC Member Application Form at:

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





LSCC Annual Club Auction at the ANA

Several Club minded members donated some interesting and desirable items for this year's auction. The auction this year is more important than usual because of the upcoming 50th Anniversary. This will help fund some of the activities planned for celebrating this historic milestone.

Liberty Seated Coin Glass from 1892 with Half Dollars, Quarters, Dimes and Half Dimes.

1843 Liberty Seated Half dollar R-6, several lots of small and large Gobrecht Journals.

Mail-in/email bids will be accepted until Aug 10, 2022.

Send to Dennis Fortier at: ricajun@msn.com

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HERE ARE SEVERAL IMAGES OF SOME OF THE AUCTION ITEMS:

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Image 2





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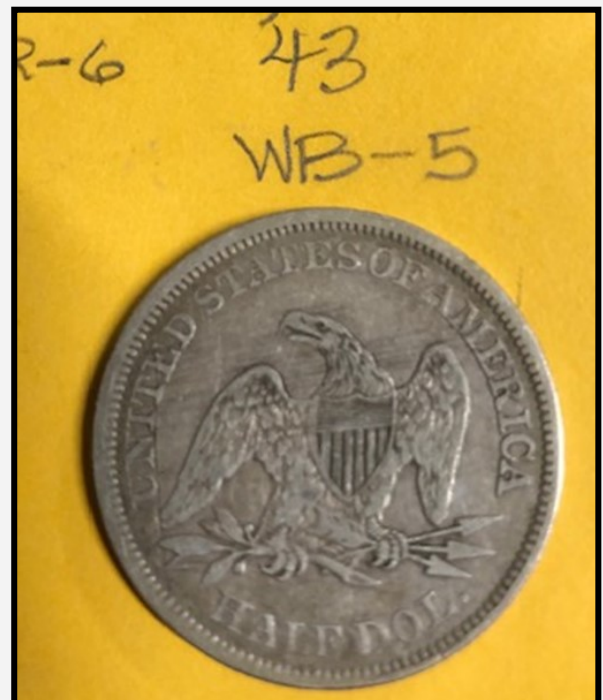
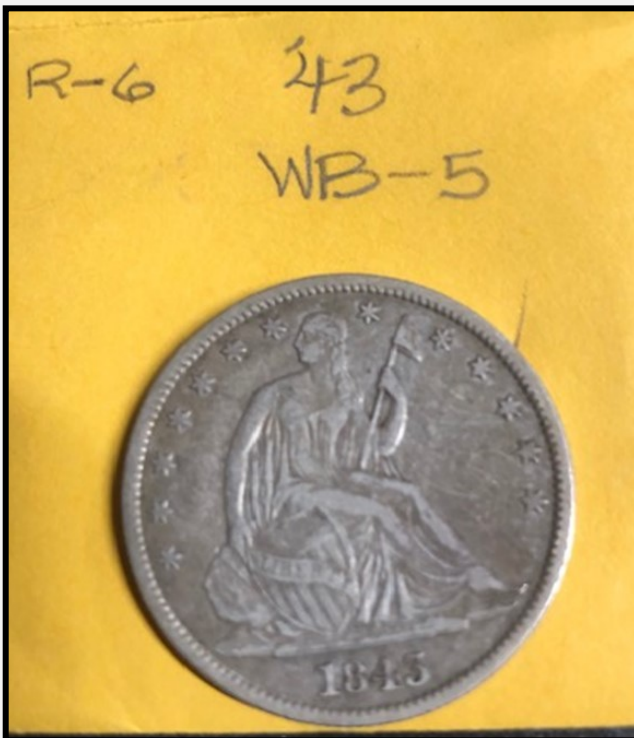
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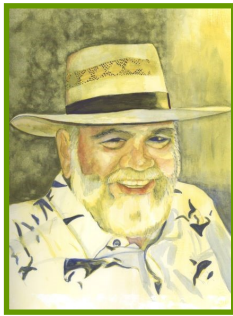




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The Auction Realm

by Craig Eberhart, LSCC #1348

Sale of the 'Pioneer Boone Family Collection' of Liberty Seated Half Dollars

Another extensive collection of Liberty Seated half dollars was sold this past month. It was assembled by James Bailey, a longtime LSCC member and a descendent of Daniel Boone. His "Pioneer Boone Family Collection" was sold by Heritage Auctions on May 16th and included about 340 Liberty Seated half dollars. Some of the more interesting and/or rare issues are listed in the following table.

* This collection included the finest example of the four known 1842 small date, small letter reverse half dollars. An uncirculated 1878-S, the rarest collectible Liberty Seated half dollar date was also part of this sale.

1840-(O)	NGC	XF45	\$1,380	WB-4, medium letters
1840-O	ANACS	XF40	\$720	
1842 SD SL *	PCGS	MS64	\$84,000	WB-1
1844-O	PCGS	AU53	\$660	
1844-O	NGC	AU58	\$5,520	WB-22, FS-301, doubled date
1846	NGC	AU55	\$2,040	WB-7, 6 over horizontal 6
1846	NGC	MS62	\$5,280	WB-7, 6 over horizontal 6
1846-O	PCGS	AU58	\$1,440	Medium date
1850-O	PCGS	AU55	\$2,280	
1851	PCGS	AU50	\$2,200	
1851	PCGS	AU55	\$2,760	WB-8, misplaced date
1852	NGC	AU58	\$2,640	
1855-O	PCGS CAC	AU53	\$660	
1856-S	NGC	VG8	\$276	
1861-O	NGC	AU55	\$3,360	No die marriage ID
1861-O	NGC	MS64	\$6,300	WB-2, Union issue
1861-O	ANACS	AU50	\$7,200	WB-11, Confederate obverse
1873 NA open 3	NGC	AU58	\$21,600	WB-101, no arrows, open 3
1873 NA closed 3	NGC	AU58	\$1,080	WB-105, no arrows, closed 3
1875-CC	PCGS	AU50	\$1,320	
1875-CC	PCGS CAC	AU58	\$2640	
1878-S *	NGC	MS62	\$93,000	WB-1

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The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

Deluxe Edition of the Ahwash Reference

In the March 2005 E-Gobrecht, John McCloskey discussed Kam Ahwash's *Encyclopedia of United States Liberty Seated Dimes* (1977). Ahwash's book was groundbreaking in the field of Liberty Seated variety collecting – for the first time, the quality of the photography (by Roger Burdette, who is still active) was sufficient for the attribution of most issues. Ahwash presented McCloskey with a copy of the book, and I will let John pick up the story from there:

In recognition of my contributions to his research, Kam gave me a copy of the Premiere Edition of his encyclopedia when it was published in 1977. This book has a padded blue cover that is stamped with the title *Encyclopedia of United States / Liberty Seated Dimes / 1837 – 1891* in bold silver lettering. The author's name "Kamal M. Ahwash / 1977" is printed below the title. In the lower right corner of the cover, my name "John W. McCloskey/ LSCC 89" is stamped in the same silver lettering. The books in this edition are numbered in the lower right corner of the first page [title page] in the text. My book is designated as "No 002."

I presume that book "No 001" was Kam's personal copy of the encyclopedia. Does anybody know who owns that book today? Does anybody know how many numbered copies were printed in the Premiere Edition of the encyclopedia? Did you buy a copy of the Premiere Edition when it was published in 1977? If so, what is its number? Did you buy a copy of the Premiere Edition second hand from another collector or dealer? If so, who was the copy initially registered to and what is its number?

As it turns out, there are two copies that come before the McCloskey copy. The most significant of these is Ahwash's personal copy. Remarkably, this volume showed up soon after John's query was published, in the George Kolbe sale of June 4, 2005, lot 62. This copy is bound in leather and identified by Ahwash's name, stamped in silver and placed in the bottom right corner of the front cover. This book sold strongly, for \$4,830. The Ahwash copy, however, does not have the "No 001" designation on the title page. While it is certain this is the Ahwash copy, the mystery remains – where is the copy with "No 001?"

We can now answer this question – Ahwash presented copy "001" to Walter Breen. As with the McCloskey and Ahwash copies, Breen's name is stamped in silver in the lower right corner of the front cover. The Breen copy bears the "No 001" stamp on the title page. Included in the book is a transmittal letter from Ahwash to Breen, dated June 14, 1977:

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“Dear Walter:

Here tis!!

If you like it – just write something nice about it – if you don’t – well just tell me. Anyhow, they made several mistakes that I didn’t get a chance to edit – but that’s old “book bizz” for you. At any rate, I do hope you like the COVER!! Please advise.

Love and peace, Kam

Breen responded with a detailed, four-page list of recommended edits. Despite all the corrections, he noted “Thanks for the chance to see your labor of love. A magnificent effort, an excellent specimen of bookmaking!” With this new information, we can now list the early copies:

“000” [unnumbered] Kam Ahwash, leatherbound
001 Walter Breen, bound in padded blue cloth
002 John McCloskey, bound in padded blue cloth

Ahwash produced one hundred of these numbered copies (all dated 1977), and I invite any readers who own a numbered copy to contact me.

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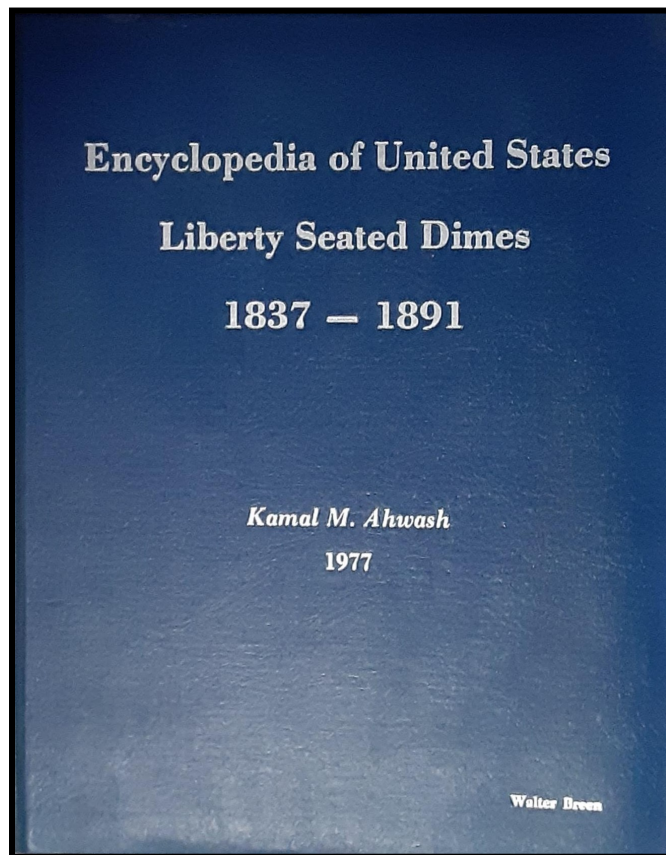
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Front cover of the Breen copy
of the Ahwash *Encyclopedia*.

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New Networking Group for Editors of Local Coin Club Newsletters

Brief Update by Phil Vitale

As of May 24, 2022, the Editors' group is off the ground if not quite running yet. We have 14 in our group so far. I hope to have a Zoom meeting in late June to set up the ground rules and expectations (including my presentation from 2020). We also have a room reserved at the World's Fair of Money (ANA Annual Summer Convention) in Rosemont (Chicago), IL on Friday, August 19th at 10 AM. All interested parties including local and specialty club officials are invited to attend.

See the previous May issue of E-Gobrecht for introductory information about the formation of this group.

If interested, contact Phil Vitale at moneyman75x@outlook.com
or Paul Kluth at e-gobrecht@msn.com



1839 'Gobrecht' Bust Half Dollars

'Gobrecht' Bust Half Dollars #5

by Jim Koenings, LSCC #2798 & JRCS #048

The year 1839 Reeded Edge Half Dollar has a reported mintage of 1,392,976 that is distributed between 8 known die marriages having 4 different obverses and 7 different reverses. Three of the die marriages are very rare and 5 are common, rated R-1 (over 1,000 known) to R-3 (201 to 500 known).



1839 GR-4 PCGS MS63 CAC Reverse (Image courtesy of Stacks Bowers)

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The example on the previous page is very easy to attribute as it is the only 1839 reverse that is missing dentils from 12 o'clock to 2 o'clock.

During the last week in May 2022, I did a survey of 1839 Reeded Edge Halves on eBay and found the following:

<u>Die Marriage</u>	<u>Rarity</u>	<u># Found</u>	<u>Die Marriage</u>	<u>Rarity</u>	<u># Found</u>
1839 GR-1	R-7	0	1839-O GR-1	R-1	30
1839 GR-2	R-5+	0	1839-O GR-2	R-8	0
1839 GR-3	R-5+	0	1839-O GR-3	R-8	0
1839 GR-4	R-1	12	1839-O GR-4	R-4	0
1839 GR-5	R-2	22	1839-O GR-5	R-4+	5
1839 GR-6	R-3	6			
1839 GR-7	R-1	12			
1839 GR-8	R-3	1			

The above chart looks normal except for 2 things, 1839 GR-8 is too few for its R-3 rating and 1839-O GR-5 has too many for its R-4+ rating.

Mintage Reported:

<u>Date and Mint</u>	<u>2023 Red Book</u>	<u>Dick Graham's Book 2012</u>
1839	1,392,976	1,392,976
1839-O	116,000	178,976

I think the mintage for 1839-O is closer to 178,976. A 1966 Red Book showed 162,976.

Interested collectors have been receiving my Newsletters on the 38 Most Common Reeded Edge Half Dollars since August 2019. These Newsletters contain large photos and information on each of the 38 Most Common and other important information such as R-4 and rarer sales, etc.

<u>Koenings' Reeded Edge Newsletter</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Scheduled Date to Email</u>
Newsletter #38	1839 GR-4	6-15-22
Newsletter #39	1839 GR-5	7-15-22
Newsletter #40	1839 GR-6	8-15-22
Newsletter #41	1839 GR-7	9-15-22
Newsletter #42	1839 GR-8	10-15-22
Newsletter #43	1839-O GR-1	11-15-22

Currently, 109 interested collectors are receiving my free Newsletters each month. If you would like to receive this information, please send your name and email address to:

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Keep up the Hunt!

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