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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...



50th Anniversary
Medal
Design is So Cool!



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

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Randy Rose*

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President's Message

Welcome to the December issue of the E-Gobrecht, the monthly electronic publication of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club.

The holiday season includes time off for most people, a perfect opportunity to catch up on numismatic reading and to contemplate numismatic opportunities for the forthcoming year. Whether you are buying, selling, or standing pat, the LSCC remains the best way to connect with fellow collectors and dealers. Enjoy this issue, and a Merry Christmas to all! ...*Len Augsburg*



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LSCC Membership Renewals are now due. Look for renewal form in your Fall issue of the Gobrecht Journal. It will also be time to vote for your favorite articles for the Literary Awards and the slate of elected Club Officers for 2023-24.



Editor's View From the Rim

On Rehabilitation ...PK

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

What can we say... the cover image says it all!

Members, did you order your 50th Anniversary Medal?

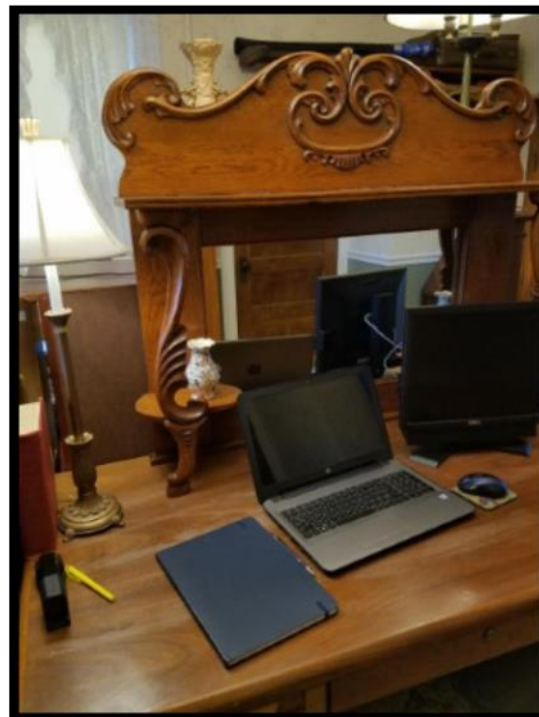
Medal Update from Dennis Fortier:

Status: Any check payments for any ordered medals should have cleared your bank by now.

Both Medal versions are on the way to LSCC. Medals will be mailed out as soon as they are received by the Club and packaged for shipment.

We will have both versions, Silver and Brass at the upcoming F.U.N. show.

It is a great way to kick off the 50th Anniversary.





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Regional News

by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

F.U.N. Time & Start of 50th Anniversary

As this edition of the E-Gobrecht is published, our December 13th Club ZOOM meeting has just happened. Hopefully, members and others from all over the country were able to attend. The next big thing on the Club calendar is Winter F.U.N. which is one of the largest shows of the year and is highly anticipated by collectors and Club members from all over the country.

With so many members expected to be in attendance, we are planning some wonderful Club activities, such as a Club dinner. Additionally, this year we are kicking off our year-long 50th Anniversary celebration. We are expecting to have at least the “Brass” version of the 50th Anniversary Club medal at the show, and hopefully the “Silver” version as well.

The Club meeting will be held on Friday at 9am in room N320F. The Club dinner will be Thursday at TGI Friday’s, 8955 International Drive at 6:30pm. Stop by the Club table and let the Regional Team know if you will be attending the dinner. See Events page for more details.

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Regional News cont.

Later in January, John Frost will host the Club table in Houston on January 20-21, 2023.

New Show Alert Ernie Ely, the Utah Regional Rep will host a Club table at the Salt Lake Coin & Token show at the SLCC Miller Training Center, 9750 South 300 West, Sandy, UT on January 20-21. This will be the first time the Club will have a presence in Utah. Stop by, say hello to Ernie and see his display.

Dennis Fortier and Alex Ash hosted the Club table at the ISNA show in Muncie, IN this past December 2-3. Alex displayed a marvelous collection of beautiful low-ball Carson City half dollars, a 1842 low-ball denomination set and other low-ball Liberty Seated coins. Seeing a complete set of Carson City Po-1 and Fr-2 coins, many of them with CAC stickers, and all of them without a mark on them. It earned Alex the title of "Mr. Low-Ball." Hopefully, he will display them at another show again soon.

Recapping 2022

Bouncing back strongly from the pandemic, the Regional Team was at 24 shows this year, in 21 different cities, and 11 states. Six of these shows were new shows for the Regional Team. The micro Regional Program is beginning to make its presence known, with new members of the team helping to reach areas previously beyond our reach.

The enthusiasm and dedication these members have demonstrated has helped make the LSCC/BCCS partnership the most active club presence in the country, and we are grateful to these members for their efforts.



Alex Ash at The ISNA Show

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Regional News cont.



Low-ball Carson City Half Dollars & Liberty Seated Coinage

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Regional News cont.



Liberty Seated San Francisco Half Dollars

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The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

Early LSCC History through the Numismatic Media

With our 50th anniversary year quickly approaching, it's worthwhile to visit a bit of the Club history. The first mention of the LSCC in Coin World appears on March 13, 1974, in a full-page ad taken out by Bill Grayson, operating as B & B Coin Co. in Fairmount, IN. The ad offers a good variety of Seated coins at ridiculously cheap prices, such as an 1871-S quarter in Good at \$15, or an 1872-S quarter in Fine at \$30. The bottom right corner of the ad presents the LSCC:

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Dollars ☐ All Seated ☐

"Join with us and your fellow collectors in the formation of the new and unique club. Nothing fancy or elaborate, just a medium of getting together thru correspondence and at coin shows to make new friends and to share a common interest. In approximately 60 days we will send out to the entire membership a list of names, addresses and Liberty Seated collecting interests of all members who have given us their permission to do so. This list will be updated about two or three times this year. It is our hope that at some future date, perhaps at an ANA convention or other major coin show that a majority of the membership will be in attendance and at that time will take hold of this club and really move it forward to much bigger and better things, such as election of officers, a monthly bulletin,

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informative writings, educational forums, etc. Take the first step by filling out the form below and mail it to us today or bring it with you if you're planning to visit us at one of the coin shows." Grayson provided a membership form, which is illustrated here. It should go without saying, but the dues rate stated here will not be honored for current memberships!

The B&B ad appeared again on April 24, June 5, July 17, September 4, and October 16. At this point the record is silent until May 14, 1975, when the second issue of the Gobrecht Journal (cover date April 1975) was announced. This Coin World article notes "this club was organized in 1974, dedicated to the study, collection and promotion of collecting in the long-lived Liberty Seated series, which comprised the silver coinage of the U.S. for 55 years." Kam Ahwash is identified as president and co-editor of the Journal, while Maurice Rosen is noted as the co-editor and club secretary-treasurer. Similarly, the Numismatist News on May 3 reported the delivery of the April Gobrecht Journal.

A June 4, 1975 Coin World article under the "Collectors' Clearinghouse" banner featured Kam Ahwash's notes on 1838 dime varieties. Ahwash is noted as the club president, but no further discussion of the LSCC is present. The December 24, 1975 issue of Coin World noted the publication of Gobrecht Journal #4 (cover date December 1975) and notes that John McCloskey is now president with Mel Hatfield as secretary-treasurer. The Numismatic News reported this same information on February 7, 1976.

The first mention of the LSCC in an auction catalog appears to be the Pine Tree Auction Galleries Sale catalog of February-March 1976. In writing up an 1875-S 20c, the cataloger (almost certainly Walter Breen) wrote "mintage is limited enough so that the Liberty Seated Collectors Club expects to have complete variety information (including rarity levels) before too long, as relatively few dies would have been used for a mintage of under 1.2 million." The Breen connection to the LSCC came through Maurice Rosen, both of whom worked for First Coinvestors Inc. (Stanley Apfelbaum) in Albertson, New York. Indeed, FCI was an early advertiser in the Journal, and Breen contributed articles to the first two issues of the Gobrecht Journal, including one co-authored with Rosen. Walter Breen's copy of the first issue of the Gobrecht Journal recently appeared on Ebay and was quickly snapped up by a sharp-eyed LSCC'er.

Breen's comment on the 1875-S 20c is quite likely tied to an article in Gobrecht Journal no. 3, "The 1875-S Branch Mint Proof Twenty Cent Piece" by Roy Rauch. Rauch mentioned some of the die characteristics of this variety but did not attempt a thorough analysis of the 1875-S double dime. As it turns out, Breen's conception of "relatively few dies" goes against the research of John Frost and Lane Brunner (published in Double Dimes in 2013), which identifies 11 obverses, 10 reverses, and 16 die marriages. As always, numismatic knowledge tends to be accretive, and the state of Liberty Seated die variety research has advanced substantially since the formation of the LSCC.

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The Auction Realm

by Craig Eberhart, LSCC #1348

December 2022 Notes & CAC

Auction sales continue to be strong with some coins selling for multiples of the current published “retail” prices often with a CAC green bean. For example, a recent 1843-O half dollar sold by Heritage that was in a PCGS AU58 CAC-verified holder sold for \$3,360. This is more than twice the PCGS Coinfacts value of \$1500 and the Greysheet CAC retail price guide of \$1280. This coin looked exceptional, and thought I placed a strong bid, but I wasn’t even close to being the underbidder!

In the auction realm, the biggest news in certified coins is the announcement that Certified Acceptance Corporation (CAC) is going to start certifying and slabbing coins in their own holders. This grading service will be separate from the current CAC verification and stickering of previously slabbed coins that are “solid” for the grade.

John Albanese is leading this new certification service and he expects to follow the same grading standards as the existing CAC verification process. His experience with starting certification services is probably unrivaled, having also been part of the NGC and PCGS startups. His presentations and Q&A sessions are quite impressive and appear to address many substantive grading issues that have been discussed by collectors and dealers ad infinitum in recent years.

Here is the Greysheet article and podcast announcing this new service:

<https://www.greysheet.com/news/story/cac-makes-formal-announcement-about-switch-to-grading-company-exclusive-interview-with-john-albanese>

John has committed to continuing the CAC stickering service for ten more years for multiple reasons as discussed in his podcast. In addition, CAC-stickered coins can be “seamlessly” transferred to CAC slabs (unless they realize that it was incorrectly stickered in the first place). This should reduce the inevitable crush for CAC slabbing, but I still expect demand to be quite high based on their current reputation for providing accurate and consistent grading. If CAC is successful as John Albanese plans, I think it will be a major improvement for numismatists. However, as some people have said (even before Yogi Berra) “the only thing that’s hard to predict is the future.” I look forward to this new grading service.



‘Gobrecht’ Bust Half Dollars

‘Gobrecht’ Bust Half Dollars #11 - 1837 GR-7

by Jim Koenings, LSCC #2798 & JRCS #048

On December 15, 2022, Newsletter #44 will provide New Rarity Ratings for the “Gobrecht Bust Half Dollar” series from 1836 to 1839. Also provided in Newsletter #44 will be photos and information on the very important 1837 GR-7 Die Marriage (28th place). 1837 GR-7 besides being a named variety “Inverted G, instead of C” comes with a reverse that is rotated as much as 45 degrees. Every serious LSCC member should be able to eventually find this variety unattributed (see below):



1837 GR-7 Reverse

On December 15, 2022, Newsletter #44 will provide new Rarity Ratings for the “Gobrecht Bust Half Dollar” series from 1836 to 1839.

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 Number 1 Rarest.

NOW IS THE TIME to sign up for these Free Newsletters by sending your Name and Email Address to: bustcoin1@verizon.net Happy Hunting!

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LSCC Upcoming 2023 Regional Events Schedule

** Details Mostly Finalized*

*** January 5-7, 2023 E.U.N.**, Orlando, FL at the Orange County Convention Center - **Regional Club Meeting & Kick-off of the 50th Anniversary Celebration** will be held on Friday at 9am in room N320F, Educational Program TBA, LSCC/BCCS Club table, Club Dinner will be on Thursday at TGI Friday's, 8955 International Drive at 6:30pm, & more.

*** January 20-21 Houston Money Show**, Conroe, TX at the Lone Star Convention Center - Club table, Educational Program on Friday at 2:00 & 2:30 p.m.

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

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Christian Gobrecht



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April thru July	\$20	2 (July and November)
August thru December	\$10	1 (November)

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LSCC 2023 Regional Events Schedule Cont.

** Details Mostly Finalized*

*** January 20-21** (New Event) **Salt Lake Coin & Token Show**, Sandy, UT (Salt Lake) at the Salt Lake Community College, Miller Training Center - Club table

*** February 3-4** **Knoxville Coin Show**, Knoxville, TN at the Rothchild Catering & Expo Center - Club table, Educational Program TBD

*** February 17-18** **Upstate Coin Show**, Spartanburg, SC at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium - Club table

March 16-18 **Whitman Spring Baltimore Coin & Currency Expo**, Baltimore, MD at the downtown Baltimore Convention Center - Regional Club meeting on Friday at 9 a.m., Educational Program TBD, LSCC/BCSS Club table

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

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William Barber



The cover of The Gobrecht Journal features a collage of historical images and coins. On the left, there are two large images of the United States Philadelphia Mint (top) and the United States New Orleans Mint (bottom), both dated 1853. In the center, there are several 1853 Liberty Seated coins, including a large one and several smaller ones. The title "The Gobrecht Journal" is prominently displayed in the center-right, with the subtitle "The Journal of, by, and for the Liberty Seated Collectors Club" below it. The website "www.lscweb.org" is listed at the bottom. The volume and issue information "Volume 48, 1 Spring 2022 Issue #143" is in the bottom right corner. A small logo for the Liberty Seated Collectors Club is in the top right corner.



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