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President's Message

Welcome to the August issue of the E-Gobrecht, as always produced on behalf of the Club by editor Paul Kluth. The ANA Summer Convention is in our headlights as I write this and begins on Tuesday, August 8 in Pittsburgh.

Dealers like to show off their best material at this show, and good coins can generally be had without too much searching.

Of course, the LSCC will be in full force with a strong presence on the bourse floor, in addition to our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, August 10 and our first ever "Open House" event on Friday, August 11, in celebration of our fifty years as a Club. We hope to see you there! ...*Len Augsburger*



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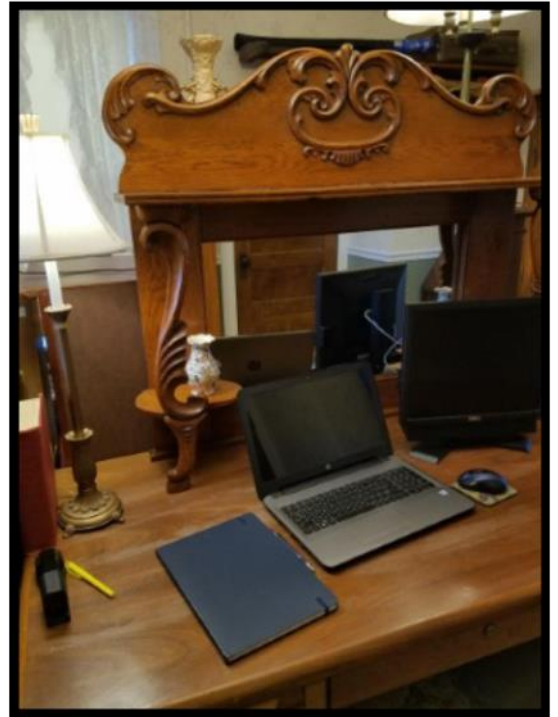


Editor's View From the Rim

50th Anniversary Celebration First surprise uncovered for LSCC members ...PK

What a surprise when members open up their latest Summer issue of the Gobrecht Journal. Wrapped in plastic, members should expect to find a 50th Anniversary LSCC Lanyard and the neat, large, quality Token shown below. The Lanyard is also a quality one worthy of wearing to your local club meetings and coin show events. Other surprises (?) will greet those who attend the Annual Meeting.

A great turnout for this year's Annual Meeting, Open House Event, Club Dinner, Club Table and for random breakout gatherings to talk "Liberty Seated" is more than expected.






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Club Table & Exhibits in the Club Mid-Way, Booth #1835



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**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.**



2023 Liberty Seated Quarter Survey Form

The latest Gobrecht Journal contains a Liberty Seated Quarter Survey that the Club would like all members (and non-members too) to complete quickly.

This Survey includes all dates and mintmarks, and major varieties including the "Top 25". We will be tabulating data by grade, as well as by certification status, i.e. raw, certified (by either PCGS or NGC), and certified with CAC Approval.

The Survey Form is also available online at: <http://www.lscweb.org/survey>. The web based form also has links to information that can assist in variety identification, the details of which is not practical to include on the paper survey form. More details available on the yellow form ...Greg Johnson

Numismatic Club Editors Support Group to have their next meeting at the Annual ANA Summer Convention

[Editor's Note: The LSCC supports the efforts of the Numismatic Club Editors Support Group. Club publication editors now have their own association for sharing knowledge in a hobby-friendly environment.]

The next Numismatic Editor's meeting will be held at the Worlds Fair of Money in Pittsburgh on Thursday, August 10th, from 1 to 3 PM in Room 326 of the convention center. Do you edit or publish a club newsletter or society journal? If so, why not join the conversation? Topics will include PDF-versus-digital, content resources, editing software, and more. Readers can either walk-in and join the party, or if anyone would like to join the group's email list they can browse to **groups.io** and join from there; simply search for '**editorsgroup**' ...Greg Burns and Phil Vitale



Regional News

by Ken Otto, LSCC #2674

The Summer ANA Worlds Fair of Money and the LSCC 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held in Pittsburg, PA

The highlight of the LSCC regional summer activities will be at the ANA Worlds Fair of Money which will be held in Pittsburgh, PA (David Lawrence Convention Center; 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd.) on August 8-12. The LSCC regional team will host a Club table and participate in the Club meeting (9 AM on Thursday Aug 10). The LSCC will have an Open House (3PM on Friday Aug 11) at the event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Club.

The LSCC regional team will also be participating in the Central Ohio Numismatic Association's (CONA) Ohio State Coin Show on Sept. 1-2 at the Embassy Suites-Dublin, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio. John Frost and Ken Otto will host the Club table.

In addition, the LSCC team will be participating at the Virginia Numismatic Association Annual Convention, Coin and Currency Show on Sept. 21-24 at the Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy,

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Regional News cont.

Fredericksburg, VA. Vice President Dennis Fortier will host the Club table and will be the guest speaker at the VNA's Annual Convention Banquet on Sept 23rd. The topic of Dennis' talk will be "CAC Grading: What it Means for the Market." As noted by Dennis, "this timely presentation will focus on what CAC has meant to the market since its inception and how we might reasonably expect the new CAC grading service to affect the market".

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The LSCC team participated at the Alabama Numismatic Society Convention which was held at the Bessemer Civic Center in Bessemer, AL on July 7-9. Dennis Fortier hosted the Club table at this event. Here is Dennis' report:

The LSCC made its first appearance in Alabama at the Central Alabama Coin Show on July 7-8. Displayed at the Club table was Dennis' collection of New Orleans Liberty Seated Half Dollars. Dennis gave Bill Bugert's presentation on the Historic 1861-O Liberty Seated Half Dollar. Being so close to New Orleans, Dennis thought a display of New Orleans half dollars and a presentation on the 1861-O would be welcome. The show was well organized and the talk had good attendance. One new LSCC member was signed up.

The LSCC Regional team participated at the Bay State Coin Show which was held on July 28-29 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlborough, MA. This was the 60th anniversary of this coin show. John Frost and Joe Casazza hosted the Club table. In the picture below, John is speaking with two collectors at the Bay State show.



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Regional News cont.

Here is John's report after the first day of the Bay State show:

The 60th Annual Bay State Coin Show is currently underway in Marlborough, a suburb west of Boston. The LSCC and BCCS tables are in their usual location, in a function room opposite the bourse. Despite the sweltering heat and humidity, a healthy turnout at the show brought numerous people to the Club table, which was staffed by Northeast Director Joe Casazza and Education Director John Frost. This exhibit features a portion of the Lane Brunner collection of Double Dimes, numbering over 400 pieces, including 200+ love tokens, counterstamps, pins, buttons, and cufflinks.

Some collectors are awed at the number of slabbed coins, and other exnumia. This exhibit is a subset of what will be on display in Pittsburgh at the upcoming ANA convention, along with 4 cases of half dimes through Trade dollars. During the first day, one new LSCC member was signed up, and we chatted with several members who joined at past Bay State shows.

Below is a picture of the exhibit at the Club table at the Bay State show.



Oh Btw, you are all invited to stop in at the Club's 'Open House Event' on Friday, August 11 at 3 pm in Rooms 408-409 during the ANA Convention. There will be giveaways, and free food & drink provided by Heritage Auctions.

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The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

ANA Convention Preview

The annual extravaganza of coins arrives Tuesday, August 8 at the Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. This is the first ANA in Pittsburgh since 2004, and the only thing sure about convention sites is that when it comes to picking a city, there are seemingly more opinions on the subject than the number of people in the room. The ANA board has many thankless chores, and this one certainly ranks up there, as any decision they make is bound to displease one contingent or another. The good news is that the ANA pretty much pulls it off every year and consistently delivers the best convention experience possible.

The LSCC will have an active presence on the bourse floor, sharing an extra-large booth (nos. 1831-1835) with the Barber Coin Collectors Society. We will have a wide array of Liberty Seated coinage on exhibit, anchored by the Lane Brunner twenty-cent piece collection. What happens when someone single-mindedly pursues a single collective objective for a long period of time? Lane's collection tells the story, and without doubt ranks among the most important die variety sets ever formed within the Liberty Seated series.

Our annual meeting will be on Thursday, August 10, at 9AM in room 326. Our special guest will be Todd Imhof, Executive Vice President of Heritage Auctions, who will update us on the current state of the rare coin market. In addition, we'll be issuing our annual awards, and Treasurer John Lundsten will speak on a new Club initiative that I expect will be well-received.

On Friday at 3pm, in room 408, we are hosting our first-ever Open House, in honor of our fiftieth anniversary. This is a catered event, and we extend thanks to Heritage for their sponsorship. As a further incentive to attend, we'll have a selection of door prizes, coordinated by Dennis Fortier. Finally, there will be a Club dinner on Thursday evening, details of which may be procured at the Club table prior to the event.

For those who cannot attend in person, we will post video from the annual meeting following the show. This is a good place to mention our extensive archive of meeting videos, which is available at <http://www.lscweb.org/Recordings.shtml>. For everyone else, I will look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh.



A Brief Perspective about the 50 Years of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club Len Augsburger, LSCC President

[Editor's Note: This narrative is for the most part the "President's Message" from the Summer issue of *The Gobrecht Journal* just mailed to LSCC members as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.]

The Liberty Seated Collectors Club was informally launched in 1973, and we welcome readers to our fiftieth anniversary issue. Fifty years is usually thought of as a golden anniversary, not quite in keeping with our promotion of silver coinage with the Liberty Seated design, but there remains much to celebrate.

The Club made its first appearance in print in the March 13, 1974 issue of *Coin World*. At this point, Bill Grayson, an original member, was collecting names and addresses of Liberty Seated collectors with the idea of creating a club as a platform for the exchange of information. Additionally, connecting collectors with those of like-minded interest might facilitate buying, selling, and trading of Liberty Seated coins.

Grayson felt that certain issues were unrecognized, a long running theme within the pages of the *Gobrecht Journal*. "Many Seated coins are very underrated when they reach grades such as Very Fine, Extremely Fine or better," Grayson observed. Sources such as the *Guide Book* did little to clarify the situation. In 1970, for example, the *Guide Book* listed no intermediate grades for Liberty Seated quarters between Very Fine and Uncirculated. Grayson was apparently the source for the earliest membership numbers and is listed as no. 1 on the historical membership roster, recently constructed through efforts of John Frost and Bill Bugert.

Grayson began selling memberships in the LSCC in conjunction with his *Coin World* advertisement of April 24, 1974, even though the Club was not formally organized. The first official meeting occurred at the 1974 ANA convention in Bal Harbour, FL. Seven members attended, including Maurice Rosen (Secretary-Treasurer), Pete Dubester, Kam Ahwash (President), Dwight Morrow, John McCloskey, Bill Orendi and James B. Pryor. At the time, I was living nearby, in Ft. Lauderdale, and I'd like to think I was there in spirit, if not in person. Of course, as a youngster collecting out of pocket change, most of this would have been way over my head.

The first issue of the *Gobrecht Journal* appeared shortly thereafter, in November 1974. Ahwash's "From the President" column enthusiastically noted "I would like to thank all of you who have helped me, as the first president of the Liberty Seated Coin Club in getting it 'off the ground.' I'm sure that through our combined efforts this will be a 'great show' ... a numismatic endeavor never before accomplished by any other society. New horizons in researching, combined efforts and the passing on of ideas, thoughts and findings will, perhaps one day, awaken and inform others to our

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own dedicated love in the research and collecting of the ‘Seated Liberty Coinage Series.’”

Fifty years allows for substantial perspective, and the Club has largely succeeded in providing the forum that Ahwash and others envisioned. Today’s collectors have access to far more information than those of the 1970s. Substantial reference works have been created for nearly every denomination of Liberty Seated coinage, and the Gobrecht Journal and E-Gobrecht serve as important sources of supplemental information to the standard references. Individual die marriage attribution is now possible for a solid majority of Liberty Seated issues, and the remaining work promises new discoveries that will help maintain collector interest.

Pricing information has exploded since the formation of the LSCC, in part driven by Jim Halperin’s efforts within Heritage Auctions to publicly open their sales archives on the Internet. Most competitors have followed suit, and the days of dealers substantially marking up recent auction purchases are long past. Collectors today can readily access sales data for most Liberty Seated coins. **Resources I frequently use for pricing and population data are the Heritage Auctions archives, PCGS Coin Facts, and the CAC population report and price guide.** Of course, there remain a few thinly traded issues, and pricing remains an art for certain rare or especially choice examples.

While all this information is certainly useful in the formation and sale of collections, the most important legacy of the LSCC is the camaraderie built between fellow collectors. A special memory for me is a dinner at the 2021 ANA convention attended by several Club members. After being stuck largely indoors since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, the opportunity to finally see everyone in person was something of a long-awaited class reunion. Ironically, this occurred during a period of accelerated market activity, and, while trading coins is always engaging, the highlight of that convention was raising a toast to fellow collectors and simply enjoying ourselves in the context of our common pursuit. So, here’s to another fifty years, and I hope to see you all in person at this year’s ANA convention!

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Have you missed receiving E-Gobrecht during May through July?

First, we are sorry for this inconvenience, but the good news is that subscribers can easily go anytime to the LSCC website to access past issues. Please do so!

So what happened? MS Outlook made a change in their parameters for bulk emails in March, but did not directly notify users of this change. As such, some subscribers did not receive their monthly E-Gobrecht email during May through July. We estimate that as many as 25% of our subscribers may have been affected.

This issue has now been resolved we believe; however, LSCC is looking into changing their bulk email software service. [Editor]



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**LSCC Upcoming 2023 Regional Events Calendar**** Details Mostly Finalized**** August 8-12 ANA World's Fair of Money**

Annual Convention at the David Lawrence Convention Center; 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA - LSCC & BCCS annual meetings and major 50th Anniversary activities planned including an Open House Celebration on August 11 at 3 pm in Rooms 408-409. The LSCC Annual Meeting will be on August 10 at 9 am in Room 326.

*** September 1-2 Central Ohio Numismatic**

Assoc. (CONA) Ohio State Coin Show at the Embassy Suites-Dublin, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio - John Frost and Ken Otto will host a Club table with a meeting on Friday, Sept. 1st at 9 a.m.

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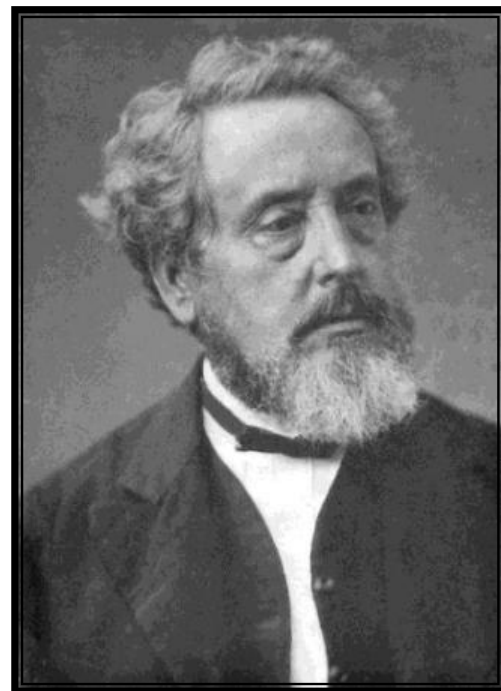
LSCC 2023 Regional Events Calendar Cont.

** Details Mostly Finalized*

*** September 21-24 Virginia Numismatic Association (VNA) Annual Convention, Coin and Currency Show** at the Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA - Dennis Fortier will host the Club table and present at VNA's Annual Banquet "CAC Grading: What it Means for the Market."

More events planned in October & November.

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 coins: the top one is a "The United States Philadelphia Mint Circa 1853" and the bottom one is "The United States New Orleans Mint Circa 1853". In the center, there are several 1853 Liberty Seated coins, including a large one and several smaller ones. The text "The Mystique of the 1853 'No Arrows' Liberty Seated Coinage" is visible. 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. In the bottom right corner, it says "Volume 48, 1 Spring 2022 Issue #143". A small logo for "Liberty Seated Collectors Club" is in the top right corner.



'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.

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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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Sharing information is a goal of this newsletter and you need not be an experienced or column writer to submit material of interest to others. "This is your monthly digital publication. It is what you make of it!"

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