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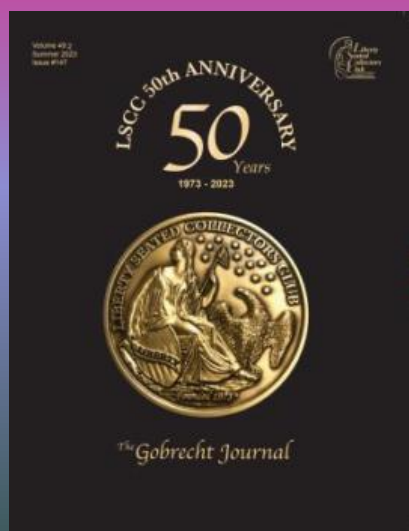
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*Stepping back in time to a bygone era of the Liberty Seated coin design period, both far and wide, and a little before & after...*



**LSCC 50th  
Anniversary  
Celebration with  
U.S. Mint Director  
Ventris Gibson  
& LSCC President  
Len Augsburger**



**Celebration with  
ANA President  
Ralph Ross  
& Exec. Director  
Kim Kiick**





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*E-Gobrecht's  
19th Year  
2014-2023*

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

*Fred Cooper  
Justin Dansbury  
Tom Eagen  
Bill Ellis  
Eric Lindholm  
Richard McPheeters  
Broc Mitchell  
Spencer Sallee  
Blake Schmitt*

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## President's Message

Welcome to the September/October combined issue of the E-Gobrecht.

The days are getting shorter, and end points of the trees are exhibiting color here and there. More importantly, the football season has again returned to keep us occupied on the weekends!

This month I must make a special shout-out to our Editor, Paul Kluth, who has recently endured way more than his share of time in the hospital. The doctors are pleased with his progress, but he is not all the way back yet. Nevertheless, he continues to produce the E-Gobrecht each month, and the Club owes him a special debt of gratitude.

Thank you, Paul! ...*Len Augsburg*



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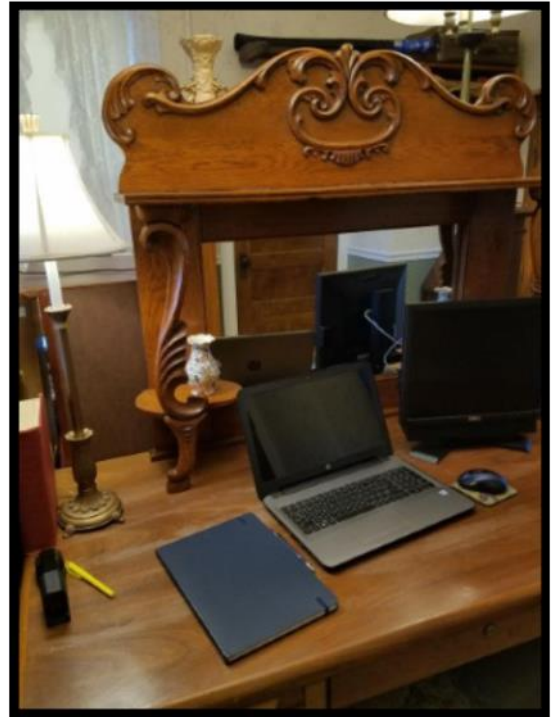
## *Editor's View From the Rim*

### *50th Anniversary Celebration More about the Celebration PK*

Though I wasn't able to attend the big celebration in Pittsburgh, I've heard from reliable sources that the Club's annual meeting, display table, dinner and Open House were a memorable success.

Reports and photos from the Event are featured in this issue. If you were not able to attend, you can "step back in time" (about two months) to experience what you missed like myself. If you did attend, thanks for making it and you get to reminisce about your trip.

Not that many coin organizations last for 50 years for many different reasons, it is a testament to both the LSCC members continued interest in this U.S. coin series and the Club officers' dedication over that time span.





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## **LSCC “Read All About it” News**

**by Dennis Fortier, Vice President, LSCC #2016**

### **The 50th Anniversary Celebration at the ANA**

The LSCC’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the ANA Convention this past August was a smashing success! So impressed was outgoing ANA President Ralph Ross that he came by the Club table after the Open House to complement the work the LSCC was doing for the hobby.

I want to thank everyone, Club members, and team leaders, who pitched in to help make the entire week a great success. Thank you to all the Club members who took the time to attend our Open House and make it a special event.

Dignitaries such as U.S. Mint Director Ventris Gibson gave a very nice speech and enjoyed the coin related Teddy Bears that were available. Outgoing ANA President Ralph Ross and his wife Phyllis Ross (ANA Board of Governors) attended and presented LSCC President Len Augsburger with a special certificate to commemorate the occasion. Also, in attendance were incoming ANA President Tom Uram and ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick.

The membership put together an excellent display of books, LSCC Journals, coins, medals, club memorabilia, and more for guests to admire and experience. The gift bags given out were a hit with all kinds of LSCC logo emblazoned items as well as a special edition of The Gobrecht Journal.

No celebration would be complete without food and drink. Thank you to Len Augsburger for arranging that very important component of our celebration. A special thank you to Heritage Auctions for donating the money for the food.

The Club table display was amazing with several members contributing coins for display. Every Liberty Seated series was represented with many rare and outstanding examples exhibited. Thank you to all for your contribution to our celebration.



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Kitty Kurz and the staff of Minuteman Press (Hanover, PA) did an outstanding job with all the promotional items needed for our gala. The LSCC logo (designed by our own Jim Macor) was seen all over the bourse floor, with tote bags, lanyards, table covers, pens, shirts and more. The new LSCC tee shirts were a hit too!

The Club dinner was a merry event with 16 in attendance. The annual Club meeting had 55 members and guests on hand. Beyond the major awards, special awards were given out for volunteers, writers, and more. More specific details will be reported in the Fall issue of *The Gobrecht Journal*.

In closing, I want to express my appreciation for the efforts and support of the Club leadership in making this special commemoration possible ...*Dennis Fortier*

### **LSCC 50th Anniversary Celebration Annual Meeting**



### **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



## LSCC 50th Anniversary Celebration Photos



View the video of the 2023 LSCC Annual Meeting, August 10, 2023 (84 minutes) on the LSCC website

Highlights include: LSCC 50th Anniversary, Club updates, Membership & Treasurer's reports, Literary Awards, Program: Todd Imhof (Heritage Auctions) on the "Current State of the Rare Coin Market".

Also view the video of the LSCC 50th Anniversary Open House, August 11, 2023 (10 minutes)

Highlights include: Remarks from Ventris Gibson, U.S. Mint Director, and ANA President Dr. Ralph Ross.



Left Images:  
Open House Celebration

Earlier Annual Meeting room



## LSCC 50th Anniversary Celebration Photos



**Outgoing ANA  
President  
Ralph Ross**

**Norma  
McCloskey and  
Len Augsburg**



**Incoming ANA  
President Tom  
Uram with  
LSCC VP  
Dennis Fortier  
and attendee**

**Attendee with  
LSCC Treasurer  
John Lundsten**



**Phyllis Ross (far  
left), Kim Klick,  
Craig Eberhart,  
with John Frost  
and Jim Turner**

**Chris Pilliod  
with Craig  
Eberhart and  
Bob Evans**





## LSCC 50th Anniversary Celebration Photos



**Ventris Gibson  
and Bob Evans**



**Sergio Torres  
with  
50th Anniversary  
Giveaways  
in LSCC  
Tote Bags**



**Greg Johnson  
and  
Carl Feldman**



**Len Augsburger  
and Darrell Low**



**Norma  
McCloskey  
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Susan  
McCloskey**



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## LSCC 50th Anniversary Celebration Photos



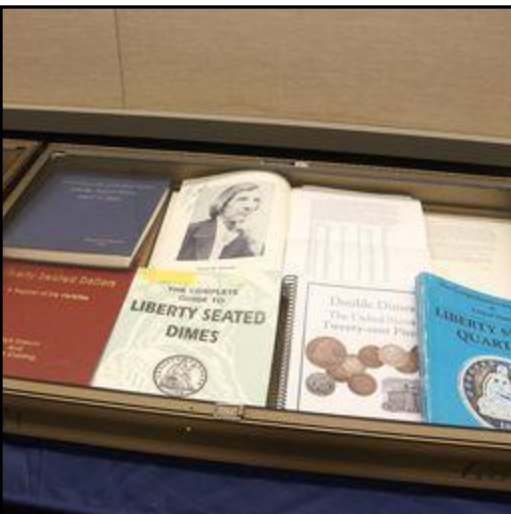
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**Complimentary LSCC Teddy Bears were a Big Hit**



**Liberty Seated series/denomination references over the years**



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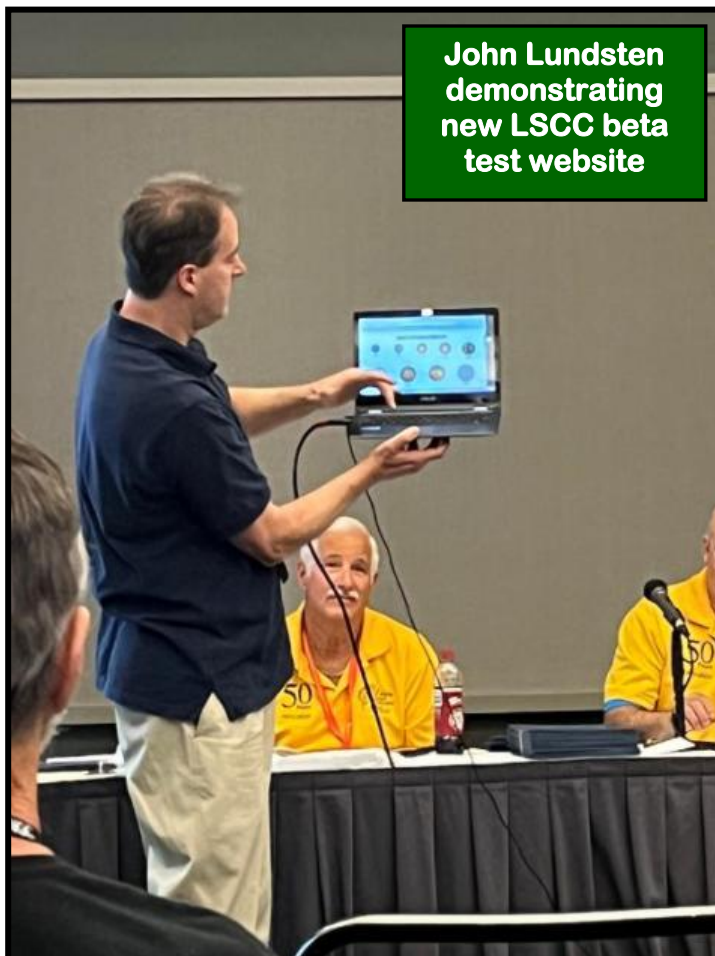


(top image) John Frost, Maurice Rosen, Craig Eberhardt & Dennis Fortier on the bourse floor [photos by John Lundsten]





## LSCC 50th Anniversary Celebration Photos





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The LSCC/BCCS will have a combined table at the 65th Annual North Carolina Numismatic Association (NCNA) Convention in Concord, NC on September 28-29th. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The NCNA show address is: 4751 Highway 49 N, Concord, NC 28025. Jerry Sajbel and John Lundsten will be your hosts on behalf of the clubs.



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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.**



## **Regional News**

**by Ken Otto, LSCC #2674**

### **The LSCC Regional Program Will Be Very Active This Fall**

The fall schedule for the LSCC regional team promises to be very active following the recent 50th Anniversary Celebration held in Pittsburgh at the ANA World's Fair of Money. The first coin show that the Regional Team will participate in during the fall season is the Central Ohio Numismatic Association's (CONA) Ohio State Coin Show on September 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 (VNA) Annual Convention, Coin and Currency Show on September 21-24 at the Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, 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 September 23rd. The topic of Dennis' talk will be "CAC Grading: What it Means for the Market."

Also, the LSCC Team will participate in the fall Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) Fall Coin show in conjunction with the BCCS on October 19-21

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## Regional News cont.

at the Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd, Monroeville, PA 15146. John Frost will host the Club table and present two educational programs on Friday, October 20: Liberty Seated Dollars - Rare and Underrated - 3 p.m.  
My Favorite and Underrated Barbers of All Time - 4 p.m.

The last weekend of October will be very busy for the LSCC with the Club participating at three different coin shows concurrently. The team will be attending the South Carolina Numismatic Association (SCNA) show on October 26-28 at the Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607. John Lundsten and Ken Otto will host the table.

The LSCC Team will be participating in the New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo on October 27-28 to be held at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH. John Frost and Joe Casazza will host the Club table.

The LSCC team will also be participating in the Indiana State Numismatic Association to be held on Oct 27-28 at Wyndham Indianapolis, West Hall of Champions, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241. Dennis Fortier will host the Club table.

Early November will find the LSCC Regional Team at the Fall Whitman Baltimore Expo to be held on November 9-11 at the Baltimore Convention Center (Hall A,B & C), One West Pratt Street, Baltimore 21201. Typically, this larger show event is hosted by several Club Officers, Regional Team members and has a strong member attendance and presence at the Club meeting & educational program, table, & dinner.

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The LSCC team participated at the Missouri Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show which was held at the St. Charles Convention Center in St. Charles, MO in July. Ed Terneus and Micah Uptegrove hosted the Club table at this event. Here is Ed's report: The MNS Show took place during July 26-29. The LSCC & BCCS had a table at the show. Displayed in 2 cases were reference books from Ed's personal library, which covered all Barber coinage and Liberty Seated coinage of the dimes, quarters,

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## Regional News cont.

and half dollars of the Philadelphia Mint 1839 to 1852, the San Francisco Mint, the Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dollars, along with a current copy of the Gobrecht Journal. Also displayed were the LSCC Members Token and Lanyard, a PCGS Certificate of The Best Of Registry for The Everyman's Set of San Francisco Liberty Seated Half Dollars, along with about 5 coin examples in PCGS holders. We had 6 current LSCC members stop by to say hello and asked if John Frost was at the show. We had 2 gentlemen stop by and take applications, saying that they wanted to join the club. Almost all of the business cards and Club applications were taken by prospective members.

The LSCC Regional team participated in the ANA World's Fair of Money and the LSCC 50th Anniversary Celebration which was held on August 8-12 at the David Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. The summer ANA coin show was very active and the reception to celebrate the LSCC 50th anniversary was very well attended. More details can be found in a separate report in this issue by Dennis Fortier.

Below is a picture of the exhibit at the Club table during a quiet moment at the ANA World's Fair of Money:



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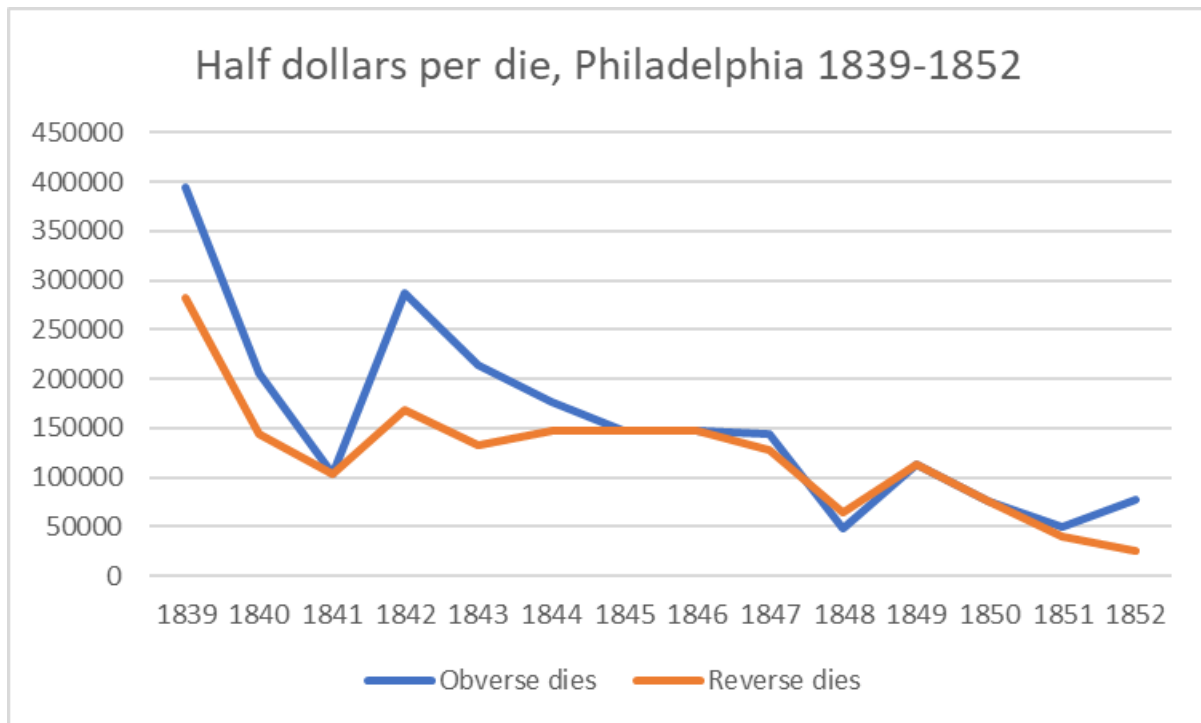


## The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

### Half Dollar Die Usage, 1839-1852

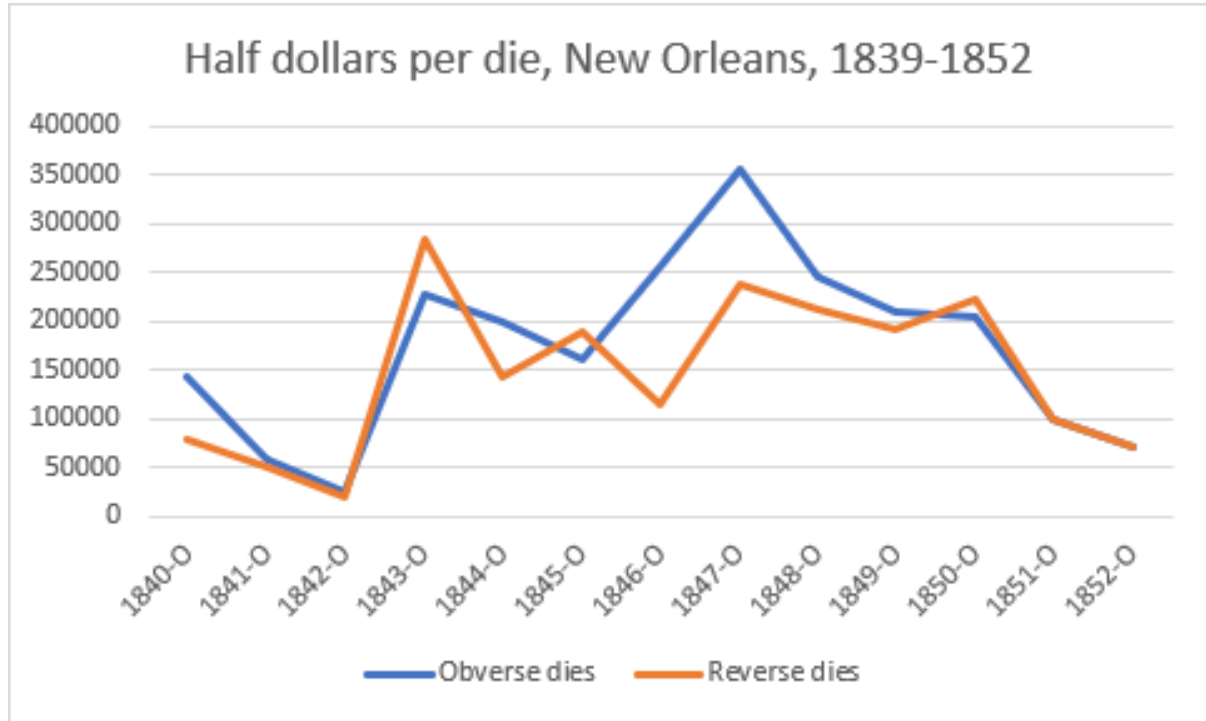
This month we compare the reported Guide Book mintages for half dollars, 1839-1852, and compare them against the die usage as reported in the Bugert encyclopedia. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words, so let's jump in:



#### A few observations:

- For almost all issues, the reverse die count for each date & mintmark exceeds the obverse die count. This is as expected – the reverse, or “tail” die, was typically on the bottom of the coining chamber and received the force of the blow from the “head” die, exerting on the order of 50 tons of pressure. Reverse dies wore more quickly. The Mint considered the obverse of the coin more important than the reverse, hence the desire to wear the obverse dies more slowly.

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- New Orleans wore their dies harder than Philadelphia. Over the period 1839-1852, Philadelphia produced 162k coins per obverse die and 134k coins per reverse die (17% lower), while New Orleans came in at 190k and 155k (18% lower), respectively. No surprise here to Liberty Seated collectors, who have noted a strong variance in the production quality of coins struck at New Orleans in this period. [Editor's Note: If you do the math, a mere 1% difference represents a very large number of strikes or struck coins.]
- In general, die life is around 160k coins per die, with variations as noted for obverse vs. reverse usage, and the Mint of origin.
- The “coins per die” ratio falls significantly in low mintage years. Dies were likely produced in advance of having a complete understanding of what the coining demands would be for the upcoming year. If the Philadelphia Mint had four obverse dies for 1851 half dollars, there was no sense not using all of them, even if an old die had more “life” in it.
- The biggest outlier in the group is of course the 1843 Philadelphia issue, for which 18 obverse dies and 29 reverse dies were used. The reverse dies of this year are notoriously cracked, and clearly something changed in this year with respect to either the die preparation or press settings. While the effect is most notable in 1843, Bugert notes cracked dies among 1842 and 1844 emissions as well. By contrast, the New Orleans Mint, which also had a large production in this year, used only 10 obverse and 8 reverse dies. For once, the New Orleans Mint personnel could point the finger in the other direction! While it seems there should be something in the Mint correspondence regarding this problem, I am not aware of any such discussion.

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**LSCC Upcoming 2023 Regional Events Calendar***\* Details Mostly Finalized*

**\* September 1-2** Central Ohio Numismatic Assoc. (CONA), Embassy Suites-Dublin - Club table

**\*September 22-24** Virginia Numismatic Assoc. (VNA), Fredericksburg Expo & Conf. Ctr. - Club table

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**\*October 19-21** Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN), Monroeville Convention Ctr., Pittsburgh, PA - Club table with host John Frost who will present two educational programs on Friday, October 20 (see details top of page 16)

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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## **LSCC 2023 Regional Events Calendar Cont.**

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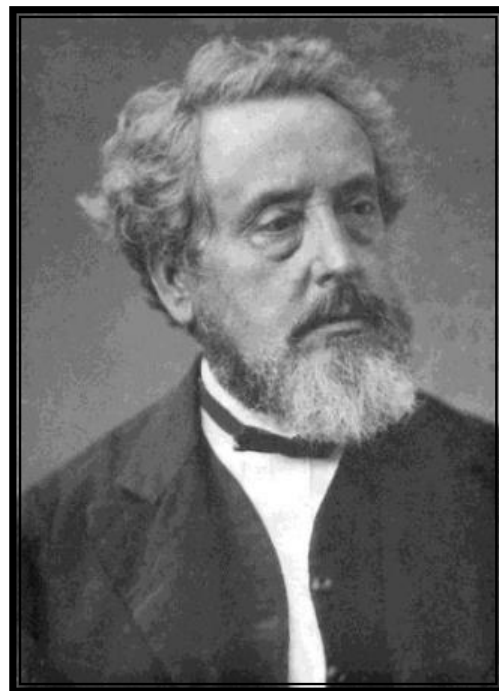
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**More event details and addresses of show locations are in Ken Otto's Regional Report on pages 12-14. Also see LSCC website.**



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*William Barber*

The United States Philadelphia Mint  
Circa 1858

The United States New Orleans Mint  
Circa 1853

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## '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 25<sup>th</sup> Rarest and continuing monthly until I reach the No. 1 Rarest. Other articles will appear in The Gobrech 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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The Newsletter of the  
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**Society hits Milestone of 31  
Founding Members in first year**



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## LSCC Mission

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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LSCC email address: [lsc@lscweb.org](mailto:lsc@lscweb.org)

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