

Press Release (January 4, 2025):**GFRC ONLINE AUCTIONS ANNOUNCES SALE OF
LIBERTY SEATED DIME AND HALF DOLLAR SETS**

GFRC Online Auctions, operated by Gerry Fortin, has announced its spring 2025 sale of the Gerry Fortin Liberty Seated dime and Newtown Liberty Seated half dollar collections. The sale will be held in three parts, with closing dates of January 26, March 29, and May 17. This will be an online event, with complete sale particulars posted at: <https://www.seateddimevarieties.com/auction.html>

Highlights of the January 26 sale include an 1874-CC dime, graded PCGS EF45 with CAC approval. The 1874-CC issue is long recognized as the key to the set, with survivors typically found in low grades or with other issues. This piece is a choice example that exhibits original surfaces with moderate golden-gray color. CAC has graded only 16 coins total. On the half dollar side, the January 26 sale features an 1850 PCGS MS65+ CAC example, the second finest coin in the CAC census. This is a scarce issue, as production of silver coinage declined in the years prior to the 1853 Coinage Act, and silver became overvalued in relation to gold. This piece is one of 28 coins certified by CAC.



1874-CC 10c, PCGS EF45 CAC, to be offered January 26, 2025, by GFRC Online Auctions

The sale of these two collections has been split into three parts, with an accessible mix of advanced and affordable material in each session. Collectors will do well to plan their bidding strategies across the three sessions. All lots for each sale are fully cataloged at the link noted above, along with reserve pricing.

Additional video commentary from Gerry Fortin on the upcoming sale is posted on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dARmMOaiBPg>

[Editor's Note]: The *E-Gobrecht* welcomes pre-sale press releases for significant offerings of Liberty Seated coinage.

Press Release (January 12, 2025): Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society Invites Applications for Newman Grants

The Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society (EPNNES) announces the opening of the application period for the 2025 Newman Grant program. Newman Grants are designed to financially assist numismatic authors and organizations pursuing original research in American numismatics. This program was launched in 2019 and supports research projects related to colonial numismatics, U.S. federal coinage, counterfeit detection and other areas.

Authors, researchers, and numismatic organizations are encouraged to apply for amounts between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Awards may be applied toward related research costs including but not limited to photography, reproduction of research material and graphic art services, database access fees, and travel.

Electronic publications will be preferred as EPNNES wishes to direct funds toward expenses specifically related to numismatic research, rather than the print publication of research. Newman Grant awardees agree to non-exclusive publication of their research on the Newman Numismatic Portal (NewmanPortal.org). EPNNES intends to make approximately half a dozen grants in 2025.

The Newman Grant program is administered for EPNNES by the Newman Numismatic Portal (NNP). Applications may be found on the Newman Numismatic Portal at: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/archivedetail/530553?Year=2025>, and should be submitted to NNPCurator@wustl.edu. The application deadline is **April 15, 2025**, with the grant awards to be announced on May 25, 2025, coincident with the late Eric P. Newman's birthday.

It is the hope of EPNNES that this program will continue the legacy of Eric P. Newman in a way that would reflect his high standards for numismatic research.

ANA Summer Seminar 2025 — New Class!

The Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC) and the Barber Coin Collectors' Society (BCCS) will be offering a new class during Session 1 at the 2025 ANA Summer Seminar, June 21-26, in Colorado Springs:

The New Orleans Mint Coinage and its History

This course will cover the coins and the history of the New Orleans Mint from its origin in 1835 to its final closure in 1909. The silver and gold coins produced at the New Orleans Mint are comparable to the Philadelphia Mint both in type and quantity. From arduous early days marked by epidemics and deaths, a struggle to mint coins with limited dies being stored in tropical conditions, to changing hands three times during the Civil War, its complicated history is written in its coins. The course will include discussions of the 40 (or so) types of New Orleans coins, individual dates, major varieties, hands-on attribution exercises, and grading discussions.

Instructors: Craig Eberhart (LSCC Secretary), Len Augsburger (LSCC President) and John Frost (BCCS President).

This class should fill up quickly. Sign up today at: money.org/summer-seminar