

## Regional News

by Ken Otto, Regional Team Director, LSCC #2674

### Looking Forward To The Start of 2025 in Florida

After a very busy coin show calendar during October and November, there is a fairly quiet period during December as the coin industry takes time off for the holidays. The winter FUN show in early January will kick off the new year and is generally a very well-attended event and a pretty good indicator of the relative strength of the rare coin market early in the new year.

**2025:** The Regional team will be at the Winter FUN Coin Show in Orlando, FL to be held January 9-12 at the Orange County Convention Center, North/South Bldg., Hall NB, Orlando, FL. The Club table will be hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Ken Otto, Carl Feldman and Joe Casazza. There will be a Club dinner and a Club meeting during the event which everyone is welcome to attend (even non-members).

The LSCC team will participate at the Houston Money Show to be held January 17-18 at the Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road at FM 3083, Conroe, TX. The Club table will be hosted by John Frost and Ken Otto.

The Regional team will participate at the Wasatch Winter Coin Show to be held January 24-25, 2025 at the SLCC Miller Conference Center, 9750 300 West, Sandy, UT 84070. Ernie Ely will host the Club table.

The LSCC team will participate in Knoxville Coin & Currency Show to be held on January 31-February 1 at the Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. The Club table will be hosted by Dennis Fortier and John Frost.

The LSCC team plans to participate in the 2025 Charlotte Coin Club Annual Show on February 6-8 at the Park Expo & Conference Center, 800 Briar Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28205. John Lundsten will host the Club table.

The next major coin show on the LSCC Regional team's calendar will be the ANA National Money Show which will be held on February 27-March 1 at the Cobb Galleria

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Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339. The Club table will be hosted by Dennis Fortier, John Frost and Ken Otto.

The Regional LSCC team will participate in the Whitman Baltimore Spring (March) Coin & Currency Expo to be held on March 27-29 at the Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. This is a major national show in the early spring and the LSCC will have a major presence at this event. The Club table will be hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Joe Casazza, Ken Otto and others.

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**Past October-November 2024 LSCC Events:** The Regional team participated in the Coin-X coin show on October 31-November 2 at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles, MO 63303. The Club table was hosted by Ed Terneus. One returning LSCC member was signed up at the table along with one new BCCS member. Ed's report follows:

"The recent Coin-X at the St. Charles Convention Center is in the history books now. The LSCC and Barber Coin Collectors Society had a booth at the show thanks to Scotsman Coins and Coin-X. The first two days at the show were fairly slow since the show started during the work week. Attendance picked up around mid-day on Friday. The Club table stayed reasonably busy with collectors interested in Liberty Seated and Barber coins. One LSCC member was interested in renewing their membership and one new member was signed up for the BCCS. Overall, the Coin-X was a success. Dave Earp and Ed viewed a complete set of high grade (AU+) Barber dimes and quarters in Dansco albums at a dealers table. The dealer, from Iowa, had already sold a similar set of Barber half dollars. He noted that he had assembled the sets for a client and now he was helping the client sell the sets to raise funds for other personal needs."

A significant event occurred on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at the Lawnview Cemetery, 500 Huntington Pike, Rockledge, PA (Lot 136, Section 3, Grave 97). The LSCC honored Christian Gobrecht, the third engraver of the U.S. Mint (1840-1844), by placing a new grave marker on his grave. The ceremony was very well-attended with representatives from the LSCC, the ANA, the U.S. Mint, Gobrecht family and local press.

The Regional LSCC team participated in the Whitman Winter Baltimore Expo which was held November 14-16 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, MD. This is a major fall national show and the LSCC had a major presence at this event. A Club meeting was conducted at the show. The Club table was hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Joe Casazza, Verne Pittman and Ken Otto. Three new LSCC members

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were signed up at the show along with three member renewals. Photos from the Baltimore show are shown below:



Attendees at this year's LSCC Fall Regional Club Meeting in Baltimore on Friday morning.



Dennis Fortier standing next to Craig Sholley, and Joe Casazza seated in background covering the LSCC & BCCS Club tables during the Baltimore Expo.

Far right is Dennis having fun with the CAC Mascot.

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Above Right: John Frost (Education Director)

Bottom: Ken Otto (Leader - Regional Team Directors), Dennis Fortier (VP), Joe Casazza (NE Region Director), and Verne Pittman who helps man Club tables at various regional events.

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Table Displays  
in Baltimore



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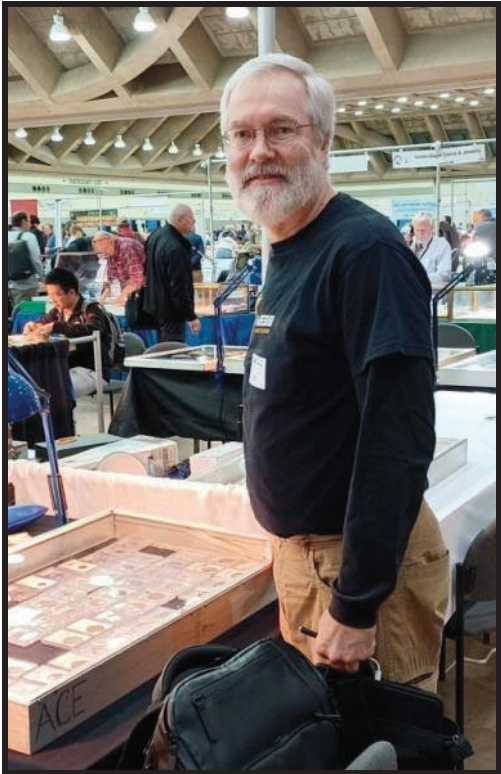
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Sergio E. Torres (Gobrecht Journal Publisher) in front of the U.S. Mint's Exhibit depicting 'LIBERTY' designs



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Alan Welty  
(L.S. Half Dime Specialist)



Robert DeBold and Dennis Fortier at LSCC Club table

Dick Graham, Reeded Edge Half Dollar visionary book author helping out at the table of David Kahn Rare Coins

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Gerry Fortin at his dealer table with LSCC President Len Augsburger and Greg Johnson (Gobrecht Journal Editor and L.S. Quarter Specialist)

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During the Baltimore Show, Gerry was displaying his PCGS Top Registry L.S. Dime Collection Set that he formed over many years of diligent effort and expense which he has reluctantly decided to sell starting in the Spring of 2025.



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### [Editor]: Want to Know More about the Gobrecht Ceremony?

In the latest issue of The Numismatist, Thomas Uram, ANA President covered the event in his “From the President” introductory message to members. His column title was so fitting for the hobby: Proper Memorials - Numismatic organizations are preserving history and fostering engagement. “*Sharing The Joy of numismatics could inspire a new generation of enthusiasts.*”

In the Sunday, December 8, 2024 weekly issue of the E-Sylum, Wayne Homren, Editor & Publisher, added the following article reprint of the American Numismatic Society’s Pocket Change blog authored by Jesse Kraft, Resolute Americana Assistant Curator of American Numismatics, ANS.

*“The ANS Attends Historic Commemoration of Christian Gobrecht”*  
(November 26, 2024)

In the Editorial Opinion section of CoinWorld.com, December 30, 2024 (page 14), Larry Jewett, Coin World Editorial Director provided an **Update** on the “Grave Marker Ceremony” for readers.

**[E-Gobrecht Editor Suggestion]:** Take a moment to re-read and take in the powerful messages conveyed in the speeches by those who stood up to speak about Christian Gobrecht’s memory, and the artistic contribution he made to *American History*.

**\*\*\*Special Acknowledgement goes to Lianna Spurrier, Creative Director for Numismatic Marketing, for photographing the event and providing the photos for future memories of all those who participated.**

**And last, but certainly not least; the contribution by Tom Uram, ANA President for arranging the production of the limited edition Ceremonial Medal given out to each person who attended the event! (See Cover page for obverse & reverse images.) Another Liberty Seated collectible for posterity!**

**And to the ever enterprising Dennis Fortier for his effort on behalf of the LSCC for recognizing the importance of such an event for both the Club and the *Numismatic Hobby* and managing the Grave Marker Project.**

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