



Auction News September 2021

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Major Auction Results in August 2021

Several people have inquired about how I select Liberty Seated coins for inclusion in this column. My selections are certainly quite arbitrary, but I try to select the scarcer dates, or keys, that numismatists often need to complete various sets of Seated coins. These coins are seldom available for purchase at local coins shops, local coin shows or possibly even national shows. Sometimes the only way to buy an acceptable coin is from an auction. A few examples of dates that are often included in this column would be half dimes and dimes dated 1846, 1843-O dimes, 1870 through 1874 Carson City coins, 1849-O and 1891-O quarters, 1859-S dimes and quarters, 1871-S and 1872-S quarters, 1853-O no arrows half dimes and half dollars, 1878-S half dollars, and so on. Many other dates could also be included in this monthly column, but the selected coins are entirely dependent on the quality and quantity Seated coins in the auctions.

Three general categories of coins are usually avoided: Common dates that can be found in local coin shops or at local or regional shows; proof coins; and dates that are relatively expensive but not really scarce. For example, I do not list 1853 with arrows Philadelphia coins because they are very common even in higher grades. The finest graded example of a common date might sell for many thousands of dollars, but as a common date it will not be covered. A more specific example is the 1854-O huge O quarter. With 143 graded coins in the PCGS population report, this popular variety has been graded more often than about half of all Liberty Seated quarter dates. Of course, the higher population numbers are partly due to their relatively higher values. Nevertheless, the huge O quarter is not rare in grades below extra fine and I get tired of listing them.

Sometimes I list dates that have multiple examples across one or more auctions in a particular month. For example, 1877 proof double dimes were rapidly rising in price for the last few years in auctions, which provided more auction records and some interesting comparisons. CAC versus non-CAC coins can also provide some insights into coin pricing and demand, but not necessarily into quality.

Lastly and perhaps least importantly, I also include some of the truly rare Liberty Seated coins in this column. These can include 1884 Trade dollars, 1873-CC no arrows quarters, 1853-O no arrows half dollars, and other well-known rarities. Very few numismatists can even consider buying these coins, but they might provide a bit of vicarious pleasure!

ANA World's Fair of Money Auction, Heritage Auctions, August 18-22, Dallas, TX

Very few Liberty Seated coins in this auction hammered for less than a couple thousand dollars. These lower-priced coins are apparently being shifted to more online auctions, which may require some changes to reporting the Heritage auction results. Two 1871-CC dimes were sold in this auction. The VG8 example brought \$6,300, an increase of \$2775 since it was last auctioned in the 2014 Summer FUN sale. Several better date quarters were available including the second finest known 1870-CC. It should be noted that attributions in

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parentheses, as shown for the 1843-O quarter, are mine and do not come from the catalog descriptions.

1871-CC	dime	PCGS	VG8	\$6,300	
1871-CC	dime	NGC	AG3	2,040	
1842-O SD	quarter	PCGS CAC	VF25	3,120	Small date
1843-O	quarter	NGC	AU55	1,800	B 1-B
1847-O	quarter	PCGS	AU58	5,040	B 1-A
1849-O	quarter	NGC	AU55	9,600	B 1-A
1860-S	quarter	NGC	F12	3,120	
1870-CC	quarter	PCGS	AU55	180,000	B 1-A
1870-CC	quarter	PCGS	Fair2	6,600	B 1-A
1872-S	quarter	NGC	XF40	5,280	B 1-A
1870-CC	half dollar	PCGS CAC	VF35	12,000	WB-1
1873	Trade dollar	NGC	MS63	3,360	

ANA World's Fair of Money Auction, Stack's Bowers Galleries, August 16-25, Costa Mesa, CA

This auction included an extensive selection of Liberty Seated coins many of which came from the Lincoln Park collection. Some of the coins in this collection were details graded, but the overall collection of dimes, quarters and half dollars was quite close to being complete. This list represents a small selection of better dates from this auction.

1844-O	half dime	PCGS	AU55	\$3,120	V-1 (large O)
1849-O	half dime	PCGS	AU55	2,640	
1840 WD	dime	PCGS	VF30	384	F-101
1845-O	dime	PCGS	VF35	840	F-101b
1858-S	dime	PCGS	VF35	1,080	F-102
1859-S	dime	PCGS	VF30	1,200	F-101
1860-O	dime	PCGS	VF20	1,560	F-101
1871-CC	dime	PCGS	F12	5,280	F-101
1872-CC	dime	PCGS	G6	1,800	F-101
1873-CC	dime	PCGS	AG3	1,800	With arrows, F-101
1874-CC	dime	PCGS	AG3	6,000	F-101
1885-S	dime	PCGS	XF45	4,080	F-101
1864	quarter	PCGS	XF40	630	
1867-S	quarter	PCGS	VF30	1,440	B 1-A
1871-S	quarter	PCGS	VF30	3,360	B 1-A
1872-CC	quarter	PCGS	F15	4,320	B 1-A

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1840-(O)	half dollar	PCGS	VF20	\$960	WB-4, med. letters rev.
1851	half dollar	PCGS CAC	AU53	2,280	WB-6
1852	half dollar	PCGS	AU55	2,220	WB-3
1856-S	half dollar	PCGS	XF45	1,080	WB-2
1857-S	half dollar	PCGS	AU50	3,120	WB-3
1871-CC	half dollar	PCGS	VF30	1,920	WB-4
1872-CC	half dollar	PCGS	XF40	1,920	WB-8
1873 NA	half dollar	PCGS	XF40	3,840	No arrows, open 3
1873-CC	half dollar	PCGS	XF45	1,980	With arrows, WB-6
1874-CC	half dollar	PCGS	VF25	3,360	WB-3
1855	Seated dollar	PCGS	XF45	6,000	OC-1
1865	Seated dollar	PCGS	VF25	2,400	OC-3

Upcoming September Auctions

These auctions will be covered in the November Auction News.

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