



President's Message

By Len Augsburger

Welcome to the August E-Gobrecht, which we are publishing this month just prior to the ANA convention in Pittsburgh. Many thanks to Michael Fleming and Maria Fanning, who produce our monthly musings on all things Liberty Seated.

Our annual meeting at the convention will take place **Thursday, August 27, at 9 AM in Room 323**. Our featured speaker will be John Dannreuther, who recently published his massive treatise on Liberty Seated proof coinage. Apropos of the theme, the LSCC table on the bourse floor (**Booth 1840**) will feature a selection of Liberty Seated proof coinage on exhibit. If you have a few pieces to share, here is an exhibition opportunity!

The LSCC meeting will also feature officer reports, award presentations, and the ever-popular club raffle, for which we've attracted some enticing donations, including coins. Dennis Fortier will be at the entrance door to distribute raffle tickets prior to the meeting.

Our dealer members will be out in full force on the show floor, and we encourage you to patronize them, especially early in the show, when all the "good stuff" seems to come out. Do not pass on coins that you really need – they might not be available upon a second visit!

Among the convention exhibits, the U.S. Mint will have on display **ELEVEN** 1933 Double Eagle gold pieces! The story of these is well known – one piece is legal to own (now in the "Elite" collection), and the other ten were seized from the Langbord family, with much litigation. In conjunction with this exhibit, the Mint is hosting a presentation featuring Greg Weinman (counsel for the U.S. Treasury), Stephen Fenton (one-time owner of the "legal" coin), and David Tripp, who cataloged the coin for the 2002 Stack's/Sotheby's sale and also wrote a related book, *Illegal Tender*. This presentation will be given twice, at the U.S. Mint booth, on **Thursday, August 27, at 2 PM**, and again on **Friday, August 28, at 11 AM**.

On a personal note, I'll be giving a presentation on **Friday, August 28, at 10 AM in Room 327**, on the Newman Numismatic Portal (at <https://nnp.wustl.edu/>). As most of you know, I manage this site for Washington University in St. Louis. We have exciting developments for the coming year, and this will be an opportunity to discuss where we've been and where we're going. I hope to see you there, or if not, during the convention as opportunity allows.

