



President's Message

By Len Augsburger

Welcome to the July issue of the *E-Gobrecht*, and many thanks to our editor Michael Fleming for putting together our monthly musings on all things Liberty Seated. If it's July, that's means the Fourth of July must be this month. You'd think that would be obvious, but at my advanced age one can never be confident. In the Midwest, the Fourth of July means it is cherry season. Unfortunately, a May freeze reduced my cherry trees to a mass of shriveled buds, and the crop was severely impacted. Thank goodness this is just a hobby and not a vital form of sustenance.

In any case, the annual canning required me to purchase some supplemental stock from Pennsylvania, for which the shipping cost as much as the fruit. I was able to cook a few jars of jam, which always creates a pernicious sticky haze over the whole kitchen. Supposedly sugar dissolves in water, but no less than a thorough bleaching is required to rid myself of the tacky surfaces in seemingly every last corner of the scullery. It's like after Christmas when you take the tree out to the curb and find pine needles for months afterwards. Such woes!

Onward. The summer brings a number of coin shows, which are enumerated elsewhere in this issue. The ANA Convention in Pittsburgh is the highlight, and preparations are underway for a busy week. We'll host an LSCC club table on the floor (Booth 1840), where the exhibit theme will be proof Liberty Seated coinage. If you have a piece or two, please stop by! The LSCC annual meeting will take place on Thursday, August 27, at 9:00 AM

in Room 323. Our featured speaker will be John Dannreuther, who will be discussing his recent work on the Liberty Seated proof series. We'll also present our annual literary awards, and raffle off a few Liberty Seated goodies.

I'm pleased to report another successful edition of the ANA Summer Seminar, which took place at the end of June. John Frost, Craig Eberhart, and I taught a four-day course on New Orleans coinage to a class of eight students. One of the class highlights was examining an 1856-O double eagle, a key date in the New Orleans double eagle series. There are perhaps 30 known examples of this exceptionally rare issue. We had two YNs in the class, both of whom, I am happy to report, are now LSCC members! The ANA always does a great job with this event, and the LSCC is always pleased to participate. I was fortunate to take one of the ANA grading classes many years ago, and it was a formative experience in my collecting career.

We'll end this column with a coin joke...

Q. How many Liberty Seated collectors does it take to change a light bulb?

A. Just one—but first they'll spend two hours debating whether the bulb is Briggs 1-A or 1-B!

Okay, I didn't say it would be a **good** joke...in any case, enjoy your coins, and I hope to see you in person at a coin show this summer.



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