



# Florida United Numismatists



## FUN Club Newsletter

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Club Coin Shows** -- In order to get your show in *FUNTopics*, we need your show information two-and-a-half to three months out. The sooner the better. I am doing the show schedule for September 2022 to December 2022. If you have not sent me your show schedule, please send it now for free listing in FUNTopics and on the FUN website. [swicer@comcast.net](mailto:swicer@comcast.net)

**Ancient City Coin Club** had door prizes, a raffle, 50/50 drawing, show-n-tell, and the auction. The program was "Hyperinflation- The Perils of Fiat Currency" by David Rafanowicz. 32 members and 2 guests were in attendance. The club is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a new medallion. The club's new website is [www.ancientcitycoinclub.com](http://www.ancientcitycoinclub.com)

**Brandon Coin Club** meets the third Tuesday of every month at St. Andrews United Methodist Church They had 28 members and four guests at their last meeting. There were door prizes, raffle prizes, and a program by Bill Jones on "The Mint Selects Felix Schlag's Jefferson Nickel Design... And Changes Almost Everything," followed by the auction.

**Casselberry Coin Club** had Duke Thompson program on "Westphalia Hyperinflation Notgeld Coins." They had show-n-tells, refreshments, and the auction. The following officers for 2022 are President John Catiller, VP Chuck Allen, Secretary Valerie Catiller, and Treasurer Porter Wightman.

**Central Florida Coin Club** had their membership drawing, educational certificate, "Let's Make a Deal," 50/50 drawing, show-n-tells and auction. John Catiller spoke on "Coins from Shipwrecks – Pirates, Wars, Natural Disasters, and Man-Eating Sharks." Dave Strazlkowski gave a presentation called "Tales from the Mint". They had a table at Summer FUN and signed up 4 new members. 5 club members had exhibits at the show.

**Citrus County Coin Club** had their monthly meeting on Tue July 19 and welcomed a couple from Dunellon that we met at FUN, and they have joined our club. An educational talk was given and each member examined the slabbed 1955 double die Lincoln Cent. We discussed the enjoyment and success of our recent "booth" at FUN and look forward to our upcoming 2-day show at the Homosassa National Guard Armory on October 27-28. They had a table at Summer FUN.

**Clearwater Coin Club** met twice in July with a silver coin raffle, 50/50 drawing, door prizes, and refreshments. The auctions were 84 and 80 lots.

**Florida Token Society** meets at the United Presbyterian Church, 730 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach on Saturday October 1. They have lunch, a program, trade session, and the auction. Membership in FTS is only \$8.

**Ft Lauderdale Coin Club** had its monthly coin show July 17. Their club meetings are the second and fourth Thursdays of every month.

**Fort Walton Beach Coin Club** had 37 at their last meeting. They had a Peace dollar attendance prize. Clark Davis had showed a die-cracked Washington Quarter, Dave Parenteau discussed Precious metal prices, and Max Dawkins discussed the price of U.S. Mint medals being too high.

**Gold Coast Coin Club** will have their next coin show Sunday August 7. The Hollywood Rotary Club is at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Taylor Ave. The hall is still closed for meetings.

**Greater Daytona Coin Club** had a raffle, show-n-tell, a program on “Hyperinflation and the Perils of Fiat Currency” by David Rafanowicz, and the auction. The club board has just approved a scholarship program for club members. Up to four members will be awarded \$250 each towards a trip to the ANA Summer Seminar. They must have references and submit an essay.

**Greater Jacksonville Coin Club** is observing its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. At the meeting they had “Show-n-Tell from Summer FUN.” They also had door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and auction.

**Ocala Coin Club** had 42 members and two guests at their last meeting. Their new meeting location is VFW, 4805 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ocala, FL. 34479. The February 3-5 coin show had 60 tables with 80 dealers. Registered attendance was 400. It was a good show. Mark Trout former president of Ocala & Jacksonville coin club’s, Tokens & Medals president, FUN Board member, pastor, speaker, passed away Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> from brain cancer.

**Palm Beach Coin Club** had 10 slab door prizes, three slab raffle prizes, and a cash jackpot drawing followed by the auction. We discussed the Summer FUN Show, and Gregg Wagner gave a program on “Buried Treasurer America’s Earliest Finds.” The July monthly show had 46 dealers and 350+ attendees. One new member in July brings membership to 293.

**Pensacola Numismatic Society** had 27 members, one new member, and four guests at their last meeting. The program was on “Special Mint Sets” followed by door prizes, raffle (two silver dollars) and auction. They also have a “Buy-it-Now” table. Club business cards are available to members to hand out.

**Sarasota Coin Club** meets on the third Monday of every month at Sarasota Rare Coin Gallery Store, Suite 100, 640 S. Washington Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236.

**South Brevard Coin Club** had 22 members and one new member at their last meeting. They had a raffle, show-n-tell and a 50/50 drawing. The program was “3 ANA Movies” with pizza afterwards. The monthly show had 24 dealers and 140 attendees.

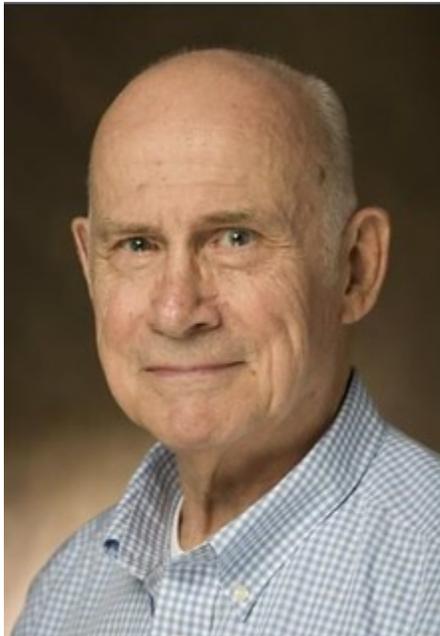
**Tampa Bay Coin Club** meets on the second Tuesday of every month at St. Clements Episcopal Church, 706 113<sup>th</sup> Ave., Tampa, FL 33612 At the meeting there were 32 members, with one new member and two guests present. They had a 65-lot auction, attendance/prize, and raffle prizes. The program was “The Barber Coin Series,” by Bill Lynch. June birthdays received a silver coin gift. Their next coin show is April 29, 2023.

**Treasure Coast Coin Club** had a program by Steve Hodges on “The 1715 Fleet,” followed by door prizes, raffle, and an 81-lot auction. Bob Mellor and Mark Lighterman will be teaching a two-day course on “Error Coins & Counterfeits.”

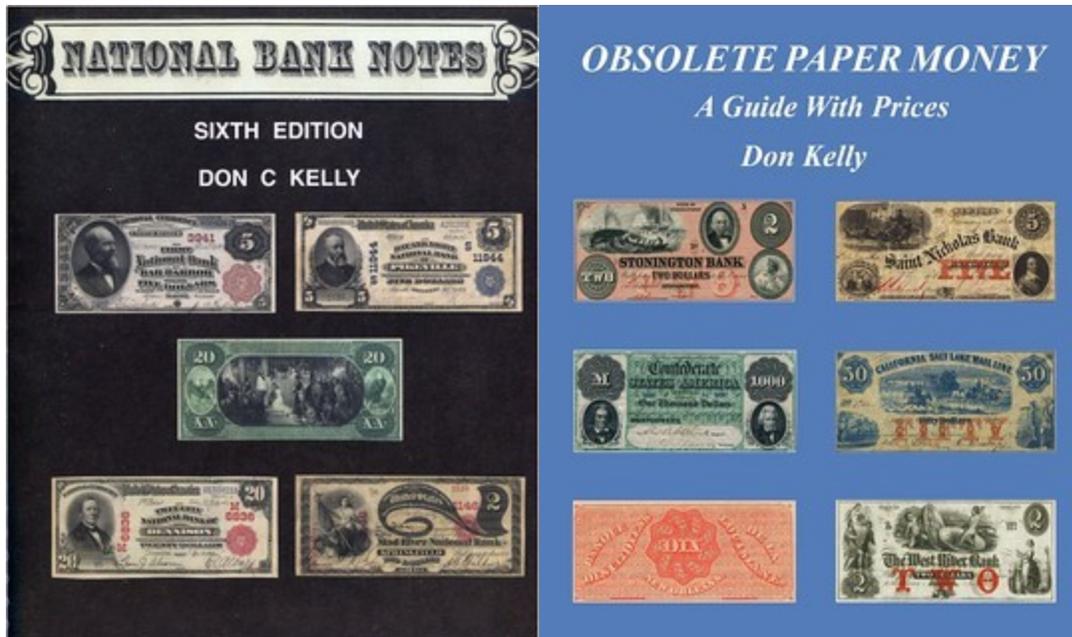
**Venice Coin Club** had 21 members and one guest at their last meeting. Phill Kolbe had “Guess the Mystery Country”. They discussed their finds at Summer FUN. There was a program on the connection between “History & Coins” followed by the raffle and the auction.

#### IN THE NEWS

June 23rd – Author Don C Kelly died (age 88). His monumental work, National Bank Notes was the book on Nationals 6<sup>th</sup> edition 2008. Obsolete Paper Money came out in 2018.



Donald C Kelly 1933-2022



Pictures courtesy of Eyslum.

#### U.S. MINT News-

Uncirculated 2023 Morgan and Peace dollars will be priced at \$67 per coin. Proof versions will be priced at \$73 per coin.

The U.S. Mint also plans to execute a two-coin Reverse Proof set containing 2023 Morgan and Peace dollars. That set will be offered at \$175.

There are no 2022 dollars being produced.

#### U.S. Mint releases 2022 Kennedy Half Dollars- July 8<sup>th</sup> report

There apparently is a need for Kennedy half dollars, as the Federal Reserve has placed orders for millions of circulation quality coins for release into commerce channels in 2022.

U.S. Mint spokesman Michael White informed *Coin World* July 1 that the bureau to date had shipped 5.2 million circulation quality Kennedy half dollars to the Federal Reserve — 3 million from the Denver Mint production and 2.2 million from the Philadelphia Mint.

Another 3.08 million coins — 1.54 million from each facility — were sold by the U.S. Mint above face value in bags and rolls.

## Denver Mint employee steals error coinage - July 7<sup>th</sup> Report

185 error coins were recovered.

The report does not indicate in what capacity the unidentified Denver Mint employee serves. Three of the stolen error coins had been handed out as souvenirs by the alleged thief.

The Denver Mint employee received a 14-day suspension, after the OIG's office provided the Mint with information gained from its probe into the theft.

According to the report, criminal prosecution of the employee was presented to and declined by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado in Denver.

UPDATE- 1882-CC GSA Morgan Dollar struck 15% off-center has been graded MS-65 at NGC. Fred Weinberg offered \$2000 but the offer was declined. I personally think the coin is worth \$50,000 to \$100,000, it being the only GSA off-center in existence.

## Spanish Galleon found off of Columbia with Treasure on board.

The 64-cannon Spanish ship San Jose was sunk by the British navy during an encounter in 1708 during the War of the Spanish Succession. According to Colombian government reports, the ill-fated ship was carrying more than 200 tons of emeralds, gold, and silver coins. The value of this treasure has been estimated at perhaps as much as \$17 billion.

New finds from the Spanish galleon Maravillas that sunk in 1656 have been made off the Bahamas. Emeralds, gold chains and coins were recovered recently from the debris field. This ship has been salvaged for 350 years. Just when you thought they found everything, they find more treasure.