



Florida United Numismatists



FUN CLUB NEWSLETTER

September 1st, 2024

Club Bus Trip to the January FUN Show- it's time to get your request for assistance for your bus trip to the FUN Show. The application is on the website, www.funtopics.com, under "FUN Convention" tab. Scroll down near the bottom left. The deadline is December 1st, 2024.

Free FUN Topics Magazine- Your club can receive free FUN Topics magazines. Contact Jay Chamberlain jcflcoins@comcast.net You just pay postage. A box of 50 costs your club \$20 Postage.

FUN Scholarships- Did you send in your essay to FUN to win a free trip to the ANA Summer Seminar? In 2023 we had 4 adults and 0 YNs send in an essay. If just one YN had entered, he or she would have gone to the ANA Summer Seminar (\$1800 value). More details in FUN Topics.

Ancient City Coin Club- had 27 members, 2 guests, and 2 new members at their last meeting. They now have a record membership of 82 members. They had a silver round door prize, 3 raffle prizes, and 50/50 drawing. They had a program on "Artificial vs. natural toned coins". The auction followed. www.ancientcitycoinclub.com

Brandon Coin Club- meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Andrews United Methodist Church They had 35 members at their last meeting. There were door prizes, raffle prizes, and an auction. <http://bcc.anaclubs.org>

Casselberry Coin Club- moved to the Casselberry Art House, 127 Quail Pond Circle, Casselberry, FL 32707. They had a video on "Double Dies", auction, refreshments, and raffle. The program was "Grading". casselberrycoin@gmail.com

Central Florida Coin Club- meets twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We had several guests this month as well as new members join. Each meeting we had a show-n-tell session where members talked about that special item they added to their collection. . We had "*Tales from the Mint*" presentation at both meetings this month. We played our customary games of "Let's Make a Deal", Educational Certificate Drawing, Membership Drawing and the 50/50 drawing. There was an auction held at each of the meetings with many interesting lots. At the second meeting of the month, we had an educational presentation. Stephen Patrick gave a very interesting presentation on "*Intaglio Images of the Secretaries of the Treasury*". During this presentation, Stephen told a bit about each of the Secretaries of the Treasury and some history of the office. Stephen shared his personal examples of the prints, documentary stamps and other items with the members. He also answered questions posed by the audience.

Citrus County Coin Club- had 32 members and 2 guests at their meeting. They had a silver eagle attendance prize, 60-lot auction, and a 6 Silver round raffle. Mike Kadish had a program on “Buffalo Nickels” with slides. bbandino@tampabay.rr.com

Clearwater Coin Club- had a silver coin raffle, 50/50 raffle, and a silver coin membership drawing. They had free refreshments and numismatic literature. The auctions for the meetings were 78 & 71 lots. They are moving to their new meeting hall, Temple B'nai Israel, 1635 S Becker Rd., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. clearwatercoinclub@yahoo.com

Florida Token Society- next meeting will be Saturday November 16th at 730 Beville Rd., Daytona Beach, FL. They will have lunch, a trading session, and an auction. Membership in FTS is only \$8. John & Nancy Wilson represented the Florida Token Society at FUN. johnnancyw@aol.com

Ft Lauderdale Coin Club- Their club meetings are the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month. The monthly coin show is the 3rd Sunday of every month. [www.http://ftlauderdalecoinclub.com](http://ftlauderdalecoinclub.com)

Ft. Myers Coin Club- had Tom Scopp doing a presentation about America's First Six Coins. We had a 55-lot auction and an 80-item silent bid board. We had a raffle of six silver eagles. There were 41 people in attendance. <http://fmcc.anaclubs.org>

Fort Walton Beach Coin Club- had a program on “Paris Olympic Coins, 2020-2024”. 38 members and 2 new members attended the meeting. They had a 1oz silver round attendance prize and auction. www.fortwaltonbeachcoinclub.com

Gold Coast Coin Club- They meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at a new location, 1301 S Ocean Dr., Hollywood, FL 33019. Their 1st Sunday of the month coin show is at the Hollywood Rotary Club at 24th Street and Taylor Ave. www.goldcoastcoinclub.com

Greater Daytona Coin Club- had a program on “Modern U. S. Currency”.

Greater Jacksonville Coin Club - There were over 50 attendees, several guests and new members present. Long-term member Robert Levan gave a presentation titled “The Little Sicily Hoard.” Robert had acquired a collection of about 150 coins amassed by a family over several decades. The collection, which he affectionally named “The Little Sicily Hoard”, spanned a period from the early 17th century through 1911. Robert, scholar of Middle Ages history, displayed an extensive exhibit of the coins to augment his talk. 46 members participated in the club's bus excursion to Summer FUN. Many commented that it was the best Summer FUN Show they had attended.

Ocala Coin Club- Their new meeting location is VFW, 4805 NE 36th Ave. Ocala, FL. They had 43 members and 2 guests at their last meeting. It was pizza night. The program was “Look What I Found at the FUN Show”. Red books, club shirts, and a new CD on world coins are available. They had door prizes, an educational award, treasure chest, 50/50 drawing, and the auction. www.ocalacoinclub@gmail.com

Palm Beach Coin Club-They had 55 members and 5 new members at the 1st meeting. They had 10 slab door prizes, 3 slab silver dollar raffle prizes, and a cash jackpot drawing at both meetings. Gregg Wagner gave a program on “U.S. Shipwrecks and their Treasure”. 63 attended the second meeting. The August coin show had 43 dealers and about 300+ attendees.

The Coin Club of Pasco County- holds its monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month, on Aug. 8th. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm. An auction and a raffle are occasionally held. The club strives to educate its members with a monthly talk by a member, on different topics of coin history or recent numismatic events. Visitors are welcome. The location is The Elks Lodge, 9135 Denton Ave., Hudson, FL 34667 (use side entrance). For information call Chuck 727 534-7597 or www.PascoCoinClub.com Please call first to make sure the day hasn't changed.

Sarasota Coin Club- meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at Sahid Shriners, 600 N Beneva Rd., Sarasota, FL 34232. Call 941-366-2191 [www.http://sarasot anumismatics.com](http://www.sarasot anumismatics.com)

South Brevard Coin Club- had 42 members, 1 new member and 1 guest at the meeting. They had a raffle, show-n-tell, and program on “The 1715 Spanish Fleet” by Jim Wilson. Mike Young gave a book report on “Gold Coins of the Carson City Mint” by Doug Winter. The monthly show had 28 dealers and 250 people in attendance. <http://southbrevardcoinclub.com>

Tampa Bay Coin Club- meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Clements Episcopal Church, 706 113th Ave., Tampa, FL 33612. 43 were in attendance, including 3 visitors and 1 new member. They had a silver eagle door prize, 50/50 raffle, silver coin raffle 8 bullion coins, show-n-tell, and 43-lot auction. The program was “The 1942/1 Mercury Dime” and “My Favorite Collection of Tokens”. www.tampabaycoinclub.org

Treasure Coast Coin Club- They had refreshments, door prizes, and a raffle. TCCC 60th anniversary silver rounds are available at \$50 each. The program was “What Happens at the ANA Summer Seminar” by Scott Anderson. The auction followed. newsletter@treasurercoastcoinclub.org

Venice Coin Club- had 39 members, 6 guests and 1 new member at their meeting. Tanya Skidmore was elected Treasurer. Josilee Koch had “Guess the Mystery Country”. Wendell Wolka had a presentation entitled “Obsolete Paper Money”, followed by the raffle and 24-lot auction. <http://realmap.wix.com/vccc>

IN THE NEWS

Costco is selling \$200 million per month in Gold & Silver bullion at a 2% commission. Costco does not buyback, so coin dealers buy the bullion from the Costco customer.

The 2023 U.S. \$100 Gold Liberty Through Perseverance Coin won World coin of the Year at the ANA in Chicago.

The Spanish galleon San Jose was sunk in 1708 by the British Navy off of Columbia. The ship has 200 tons of gold coins and could be the most valuable shipwreck ever found. The problem is Columbia, Spain and Bolivia are all claiming rights to the ship. The wreck was discovered in 2015 but has yet to be salvaged.

University of Michigan archaeologist have unearthed a hoard of Persian gold coins from the 5th Century B.C. in western Turkey.