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GNA 55th Anniversary Coin & Currency Show Coming to the Dalton Convention Center In Dalton, GA April 12-14, 2019

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The Georgia Numismatic Association 55th Anniversary Coin & Currency show will be held at the Dalton Convention Center in Dalton, GA April 12-14, 2019. Free appraisals of coins, paper money, medals and more will be available at the show during show hours.

Special Show Guest - The United States Mint. The United States Mint will have exhibits and sales (during show hours) and launch the 2019 1 Ounce Gold Proof Buffalo Coin at the show. The United States Mint's Mighty Minters™ Eli the Fox will be in attendance at the show.

The GNA 55th Anniversary Coin & Currency show will have more than 325 tables with over 500 coin dealers selling and buying rare coins, paper money, medals, tokens, gold and silver coins, and many other related items. Also, there will be an Exhibit Area with many numismatic exhibits prepared by GNA members. On Saturday there will be a number of free educational programs.

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The GNA 55th Anniversary Coin & Currency show is one of the ten largest non-profit coin shows in the country. There will be a number of coin grading services at the coin show available to evaluate coins. For additional show information, a list of the schedule of events and details about planned speaker programs, please visit us at:

www.gamoney.org.

On Saturday, April 13, there will be a free Boy Scouts Merit Badge Program. Registration is 9:00 am at the registration desk and the program begins at 10am.

Dalton Convention Center

2211 Dug Gap Battle Road
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Cost: FREE

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for all attendees 18 years and older.*

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“Meet Your GNA Board Member”

Welcome to the first of a series where we will be meeting different members of the GNA Board. We begin with John Morris our GNA Treasurer; this article is told from John’s point of view.

I first began collecting when I was 10 years old. My source of funds was from a paper route, which allowed me to fill in the blue coin folders that my parents gave to me with the hopes that I would save some of my earnings. When I was in my early teen’s sports took over my afternoons and I had to sell the paper route. Without the income, I could no longer fill the coin folders and lost all interest in collecting.

Moving forward into my early adulthood, I spent many years in restaurant management where I handled lots of cash and continued to put aside i coins that I deemed interesting such as pre-1965 silver, lkes, bicentennial, etc. And in 1988 I went hook, line, and sinker into numismatics, after the passing of my grandmother, I found a 1902-O Morgan dollar in my grandfather’s dresser drawer while helping my parents clear out my grandparents’ house. After some discussion it was determined to have likely belonged to my great grandfather who got married in 1902 and was kept as a memento by him (maybe a pocket piece) and eventually passed on to my grandfather. My parents said I should keep it and that coin has cost me hundreds of thousands of dollars as my thirst for coins was sparked. I still carry that coin with me everywhere in my wallet. I call it a wallet coin, as a pocket coin would have been lost years ago.

My involvement in numismatics is driven by my interest in history, and it is that link that pulled me into numismatics. Several of my mentors are Dr. David Patton who has been and remains my numismatic mentor with my collection of Dahlongega coins, but more-so just a fine gentleman. As well as Al Adams, who has been more of a neighbor and friend, but also the best dealer in Dahlongega coins. And Carl Lester – Previous GNA Board Governor who knows more about Dahlongega Mint History than anyone I know.

The Morgan dollar set was the first collection I began assembling when I returned to collecting as an adult. After completing nearly 95% of the Morgan set, I began to realize that I was more of a type-set collector. So to that end, I began collecting the Classic



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GNA 55th Annual Coin Show

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Dalton Convention Center
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400 Civic Center Drive, Rome, GA 30161
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October 25-27, 2019

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1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC
Anthony Chibbaro: (803) 530-3668

Georgia Numismatic Association Application and Membership Details Are Available at GNAMoney.org

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Commemorative half dollars, the ultimate type set series. As of today, I am only four short of the 50 coin type set in gem+ condition. But my true numismatic passion for the past 20 years is the history and coins of the Dahlonega Mint. I am an outdoor enthusiast and since moving to Georgia in 1978, I have enjoyed exploring the Dahlonega area while hiking and paddling; it was only after 1988 that I learned of the numismatic connection. Since that time, I have been a student of the history of the US Branch Mint and the gold rush. After studying the mint for several years, I acquired my first Dahlonega piece in 2002 and the flood gates opened. I have pursued the most original Dahlonega pieces I can find. It is the originality of the piece that connects me to the history of the area. Several years ago, I moved to the Dahlonega area, and this allowed me the ability to actively work with the Dahlonega Gold Museum.



Dahlonega Mint, circa 1877

My exposure to GNA first occurred when I was elected club rep to the GNA Board from the Mountain Coin Club, and it grew from there. I have been serving on the GNA Board since 2017 as the club's treasurer.

Outside of the hobby, I am retired restaurateur and later ran a wholesale manufacturing business. I have been married 37 years and have two children, ages 32 and 29. As an avid hiker, I volunteer with the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club performing trail maintenance. Additionally, I am a member of Butternut Creek Golf Club.

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2019, An Exciting Year Ahead

The numismatic community starts the year with a bang, the US Mint released the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing series on January 24th. It is the first commemorative program of the year and features something new to the US Mint's repertoire: a 5 ounce silver commemorative. Additionally, the Apollo series consists of a proof and uncirculated finishes on Half dollars in clad, 1 dollars in silver and 5 dollars in gold. A universal design consists of the iconic "Buzz Aldrin on the Moon" photograph, that is a picture of Buzz Aldrin's helmet focusing on the reflection from Buzz Aldrin's visor showing astronaut Neil Armstrong, the US flag and the "Eagle" Lunar Module. The Mint is revisiting the skills learned during the 2014 MLB commemorative series and minting these on a curved planchet. The designs take advantage of the concave and convex surfaces with the visor appearing to rise up from the coin.



American Silver Eagles had a very strong start, on January 7th the first day of release over 2.5 million were purchased for comparison that equaled 16 percent of all silver Eagles sold in 2018.

The continuing America the Beautiful quarter series will have its penultimate full year, releasing the 46th through 50th designs. This year 3 states and 2 territories are honored - Massachusetts, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Texas and Idaho.



This will be the first full year release of the new Innovation dollar series. After the introductory coin's release in 2018 commemorating the first US patent, the Mint begins the state by state release of \$1 coins.

The states' order will follow the same sequence the State quarters series however it will be at a rate of only four per year until the program ends in 2033.

As you can see a lot is already going on in 2019. With the start of the new year, let us know when you receive your first 2019 coins in change. Contact us at GNAJournalEditor@gmail.com - Happy Searching!

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Collectible Capped Bust Half Dollars

By Mark Benvenuto

For any of us reading the national numismatic periodicals, it seems that there are almost always some amazing half dollars going across the auction block, and often landing some astounding prices. We hear of high end, mint state Walking Liberty halves, or of mint state specimens of Flowing Hair halves from the first years of the young Mint. And while all this is fine, it's usually above what most of us can afford. So, what's the frugal collector to do in the midst of all this hype? Well, one direction we might want to take is towards the Capped Bust halves.

It was 1803 when President Jefferson put a halt to the production of the silver dollar, since enterprising folks had found ways to export large quantities of them, melt them down, and bring them back for re-coining at a profit. And since no one really got around to rectifying the problem and producing silver dollars again until 1840, this means there is a wide swath of years in which the 50¢ piece was the biggest silver coin the U.S. had to work with. And through all those years, the design was the Capped Bust.

The Capped Bust image was the artistry of Mr. John Reich, and was used on all the silver coins of that time – from 1807 to 1839 when it comes to the half dollar. There were 750,000 made that first year, and over 1.3 million the next. While these numbers may seem pretty large when it comes to what collectors might need or want today, it's actually worth noting that these had to be relatively rare coins at the time they were produced. In the U.S., a census is taken every ten years, as a way to determine the number of seats in the House of Representatives, and in 1800 it indicated that there were 5.3 million folks in the U.S. That in turn means that a million half dollar coins per year didn't really add up to all that much – and that in turn implies that those coins were probably used quite a bit, therefore showing some wear today. We mention all this to point out that this is probably the most basic reason that Capped Liberty halves can be considered affordable in the middle level of the circulated grades, yet extremely expensive in any mint state grade.



Moving from official Mint tallies to any of the major price listings reveals another fascinating aspect of the Capped Bust 50¢ pieces: they are chock full of varieties. The 1807 alone has five listed in most guide-books, a small stars and a large stars variety, two over-date varieties, and one strangely titled "bearded" lady – this last meaning there is an odd blemish below the chin of Lady Liberty. For someone just getting their feet wet in this series, there is no need to worry all that much about the varieties. Usually, landing a single example of any date will do.

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Continuation of Collectible Capped Bust Half Dollars from page 7

Since we have come to the idea of collecting these half dollars by date, the most affordable way might be not to, “start at the very beginning,” as Julie Andrews sang many years ago, but rather, start at the end. The largest mintages for any of the Capped Bust halves tend to be towards the end of the series. It’s true that the 1 million mark was surpassed right at the beginning, in 1808, but in 1818 the 2 million mark was approached, and in 1819 it was surpassed. It was 1824 that saw over 3 million of these silver pieces produced in one year, and that large number was trumped in 1826 and again in 1827 as totals climbed to 4.0 million and 5.4 million, respectively. Believe it or not, the 1827 isn’t even the most common date in the series. There are a few dates that beat even this high number. We point all these totals out though to indicate that these are the dates anyone might wish to start with if they have never looked at this half dollar series before. So, just how much does something like an 1826 Capped Bust half dollar cost? As with most classic series, the mint state grades that collectors like to gravitate towards today will generally be pretty expensive – about \$1,200 each. But in a grade such as EF-40 the price plummets to about \$200, and drops all the way to \$125 when we step down to VF-20. Admittedly, if you have always kept the cap for your spending budget to something like \$50 per coin, these prices will seem steep. But an EF-40 or even a VF-20 Capped Bust half still has some serious detail to it, and can still have some serious eye appeal as well.

We mentioned that other dates were more common than the 1826, and a look through just about any major price list indicates the 1834, the ’35, and the ’36 all ring in with slightly lower prices than those just mentioned, especially in the VF-20 and EF-40 grades. That means we can have something of a short set for a reasonable overall expense. Adding more might take some patience, but good collections can definitely be formed.

Curiously, towards the end of this series, an interesting change was made on what sometimes gets called the third side of the coin. Up to 1836 the edge was lettered, indicating the value of the piece. The bottom of the reverse side simply stated “50 C.” In 1836 the edge was reeded instead, and for two years “50 cents” appeared on the bottom of the reverse. The final two years of the series saw that change to “Half dol.” In that time there are a couple of common dates we can add to any growing collection, namely the 1837 and 1838. There are also some screaming rarities, like the 1836 proof, or the 1838-O, the latter of which saw a whopping total of only 20 coins.

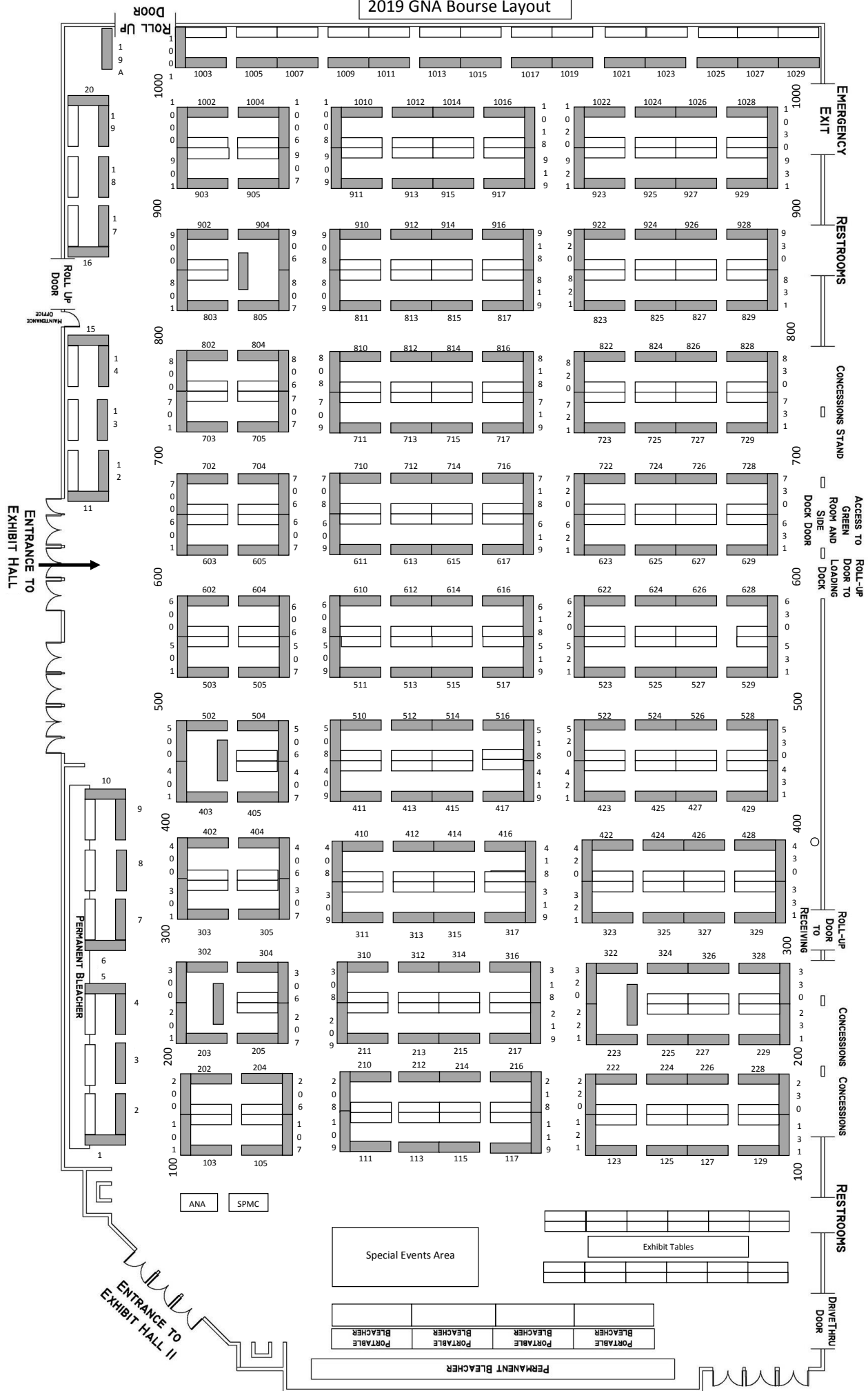
All things considered, the Capped Bust half dollars may be far more collectible than many of us have previously thought. There are plenty of years in the series where millions were minted, and where prices today are not all that steep. If we have never looked seriously at this classic series, now might prove to be a very good time to take a peek.

2019 GNA Show – Alphabetic Dealer List

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American Coins	929, 931	Eye of the Coin	909, 911	North Florence Coins	705, 707
American Coins	1028, 1030	Fleetwood Coins	229, 231	Northeast Arkansas Coin Co.	812, 814
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An 1873 Over Small Date 1873 Shield Nickel

by Bill Fivaz, NLG

Quite a few years ago I was looking through a dealer's stock at a coin shop I frequently visit, and spotted a nice XF/AU 1873 Shield 5¢ with a repunched date I hadn't seen before. I set aside this piece and then moved on to some other items I had interest in.

As is my custom, I review my purchases when I arrive back home, putting them under the stereoscope to see if there's anything I've overlooked on my initial observation. As is the case in roughly 30% of the time, I did discover something, a very important something, that I had missed the first time around. The 'scope comes through again!!

After cranking the magnification up to 30X, I noticed something very unusual about the date repunching. The "1" was doubled to the right, as was the "8" (inside the upper loop), but the "7" displayed portions of another "7" between the "8" & "7" (to the "7's" left), and the "3" was distinctly doubled



far to the left of the prime "3". Of even more importance was the sudden realization that the first punched "3", the one clearly between the "7" and "3", was noticeably smaller than the final digit.

What does this tell us? With the first two digits doubled to the right and the last two doubled to the left, it confirms the fact that the first 1873 logo punch used was smaller, very possibly one intended for use on the 1873 3¢ Silver piece. A quick check of the records indicates that the 1873 3¢ Silver was a Closed 3, Proof-only issue, but possibly more than one logo punch had been manufactured with the intention of striking some business strikes, even one with an Open 3 such as on this coin.

Whether it was a logo punch from the 3¢ Silver or possibly the Liberty Seated half dime*, or even the 3¢ Nickel, it is an important and I believe, unreported variety.

** The Liberty Seated half dime is also listed as having been struck only with a Closed 3, but again, the possibility exists that some Open 3 logo punches were made but not used in the last year of the Half Dime coinage.*

This is currently listed in the Cherrypickers' Guide 6th Edition, Vol 1 as FS-1301, on page 278.

“Did you know...”

By Chip Cutcliff

Did you know... that the first coins struck by the Federal Government in 1792 were not struck at the United States Mint? The new Congress of the United States passed a resolution for a Mint on March 3, 1791 – but nothing happened. April 2, 1792 a bill was finally passed stating the types of coins to be minted, their material and fineness. Construction of the Mint began late July 1792. The Half “Disme” (pronounced deem) was the first coin struck by the Federal Government, but not at the Mint, which was still under construction. The coins were struck in a machine shop across the street from the Mint’s location where some of the minting machinery was being stored. Stories vary, but it is said that either George Washington or Thomas Jefferson donated \$100 in silver (thought to be part of their wives silverware) to be used for striking these first coins. The 1,500 coins struck were passed around on silver trays so that the special assemblage of guests could admire them and take an example home with them. Today a fine example will set you back about \$40,000. There are 3 known Disme’s (deems/dimes) that are believed to have been struck around the same time. With a rarity of 3 pieces, they carry a price tag of \$750,000. March 1, 1793 was the first delivery of coinage from the United States Mint to the Treasury, that first delivery included 11,178 Flowing Hair Large Cents. The United States Mint has been in business for 226 years, and guess what – they’re here at the 2019 GNA Dalton Coin Show! Please check out the quality products offered to you without any shipping costs!

Did you know... that there are 3 very valuable coins in circulation that all of the error/variety experts are looking for? The first is the 1969 S Doubled Dies Cent. First discovered in 1970, they were originally thought to be counterfeit and the Secret Service confiscated many of them. Most were eventually returned to their rightful owners, except for those that they melted as counterfeit! It is believed that 40-50 coins are currently known to exist, and they are still being found today in uncirculated rolls of 1969-S cents. How about \$40,000 to \$100,000 each?

The second coin is the famous (2000) Sacagawea Dollar /Washington Quarter mule. There are 3 distinct die pairs identified, with a Quarter face and a Dollar reverse. None have a date, but they are believed to have been struck in 2000, the same year that the Sacagawea Dollar was introduced. Twelve of the sixteen known examples are owned by error collector Tommy Bolack. The highest sales price was for the 11th specimen found which was graded MS70 by NGC and went for a cool \$195,000. Coin #16 was discovered in May of 2017, so they are still out there!

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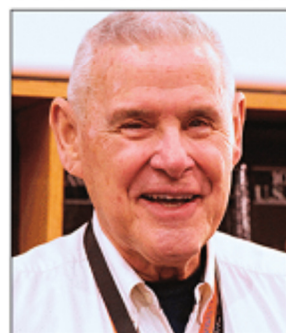


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On Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 pm, there will be a free, special Youth Program including a short presentation on coin collecting. Every person 18 years of age and younger will be given numismatic items such as coins, medals, tokens, paper money, coin books, coin folders, and more donated by GNA members and coin dealers.

The GNA 55th Anniversary Coin & Currency show is open to the public and there is no admission fee, but due to security requirement all attendees must register for a name badge and people 18 years and older must show a government issued photo identification. Security will be provided by both local police and private security service 24 hours a day during the convention.

For a full list of the Show's Schedule of Events, please check out our website: GAMoney.org

Early US Mint Errors

Here are two examples of some amazing large cent brockage errors. A brockage is an error where one side of a coin has its normal design and the other side is a mirrored image of that same design. Brockage errors occur when an already struck coin sticks to the coin die and that coin now behaves as the die and impresses onto another planchet a mirror image of the originally struck design.

The first example is an 1826 N-9 Matron Head large cent. This coin has one side with a normal Obverse strike, which happens to be approximately 15% off center, while the other side is a mirror image of the Obverse. The mirrored side is also off center and this resulted in that side missing the date.



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The second example is an 1828 N-5 Matron head large cent. Despite the fact that this coin was struck without a date, the extensive studies that have been conducted on the large cent series allows a date confirmation through unique die attributes. This coin is considered a 100% First Strike Brockage, and is nearly a perfect mirror image,

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The third coin to look for is the 2000 P Sacagawea Dollar that was placed in Cheerios boxes in October 1999. There were 5500 coins delivered for the promotion. It was discovered in 2007 that the coins in the Cheerio packaging were noticeably different than the regular 2000 P Dollars. The Cheerio Dollar had enhanced tail feathers. The first specimen found sold for more than \$35,000! Fewer than 100 coins have been found, all uncirculated in the original blister pack insert that also included a 2000 P Lincoln Cent. Where are the remaining 5,400 Sacagawea dollar coins? They are either in you kitchen junk drawer where you tossed it in 2000 when you received it in change, or it is still in circulation just waiting to be found!

Did you know...that beginning January 1st of this year (2019) all United States silver coins struck will be in .999 fine silver rather than 90% silver? The United States Mint has decided to change the composition! All Commemorative Dollars, all silver proof coins, all silver uncirculated coins, and all special issue silver coins will now be pure silver. It appears the total weight of the coins will remain the same, only the fineness will change. This change includes halves, quarters and dimes as well. We can look forward to the future when we will have different ways of figuring silver values. Will a “bag” of silver now have to be defined as a bag of 90% VS a bag of pure? Can we mix and match it in assembling rolls or sets? We’re about to find out! Have fun collecting, and watch out for the lesser 90% in that roll....

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