

# THE NORTHWEST COIN CLUB

## Newsletter – December 2021

P.O. Box 18053 Minneapolis, MN 55418-0053



The **December Meeting** of the Northwest Coin Club will be conducted in person and on Zoom at 7:00 P.M. CST on Thursday, December 9, 2021. The Zoom invitation is expected to go out on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, a date which lives in infamy. Watch for that invitation.

The club has reserved the St. Cloud University conference room for the next three months, December 2021, January and February 2022. The conference center is at the St Cloud University Extension, 9750 Rockford Rd Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55442. (Highway 169 Frontage Road) The entrance is at the northwest corner of the building.

As per the requirements of our agreement with the University, who are following the CDC guidelines, those people joining us in person must wear a mask. These are their rules for our contract and we need to follow them. So please bring a mask and wear it while in the building.



### Message from President Ross

Greetings Everyone:

A special welcome to all who may be joining us for the first time.

Usually in December we have a pot-luck party meeting...we have elected to pass on the pot-luck for this year.

I am happy to announce that we have booked St. Cloud State Extension Campus (Plymouth) for the next 3 months while we continue our search for a more permanent home.

I am looking for one or two individuals, into research and pursuit (sounds a lot like what we already do), to serve on a Program Committee. You would work as a team to recruit and book Speakers for our Club meetings. Estimated time commitment would be 2-3 hours a month. I plan on having a meeting by 12/18 with any and all interested parties to talk about how this would work. I currently have 2 volunteers and am looking for 2 more. please contact me if you are at all interested. 763-242-1591 or [geokatll@aol.com](mailto:geokatll@aol.com) (George Ross)

### **December Program**

I am happy to reveal that this month's program is titled: "Ask the Expert." While interviewing several new members about their interest...It occurred to me that there was a lot of interest in things better suited for someone more familiar with "The Business/hobby" than I.

That said, I recruited Jim Meyer ( Dealer) to field questions from our members. I started out with the list below for a start. We will go through them one by one and Jim has agreed to give us his opinion. Feel free to come up with your own questions as there should be plenty of time for that. I will display the list of questions below.

As always feel free to bring coins you'd like to show.

See you on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

1. What has the market been like the last two years. Covid, Bullion...challenges? short comings? winner or losers?
2. What is your opinion of the new releases from the mint? Is there anything collectible from their offerings?
3. Are there some common successful strategies to make money on coins? If so can you explain?
4. When buying raw coins, do you have some basic do's and don'ts that you could recommend?
5. Are there some simple signs to look for to know if a coin has been cleaned?
6. Does it vary from Copper-Silver-Gold are there different signs?
7. How prevalent is counterfeiting today?
8. Are there some easy clues to look for to help spot a counterfeit?
9. What are some of the rules or procedures that you can expect from coin dealers?  
Who will let you return a coin and why?
10. How can you differentiate between good coin dealers and the others? Specifically at a show as well?
11. Slabbed vs not...why would a dealer not slab a high grade coin?
12. What is the criteria you use to determine whether to slab a coin or not?

13. What about older slabbed coins, is it still a thing to get older slabs, crack them out and resubmit to get a better grade?
14. Where would someone go to see the pricing performance of a specific coin over a number of years?
15. Can you ever get bargains a national auctions?
16. If so How?
  - a. Is there a recommended way to get your "best" price from a dealer when buying?
  - b. What can you expect from a dealer when you are selling?
17. when shopping for a coin for someone...what are the different steps you might go through and what tools are at your disposal to help you?
18. Would you explain what a registry set is?
19. Would you describe the one you had?
20. How did you come to pursue that particular set?
21. How long did it take to complete it?
22. How did you know when it was time to sell?
23. Tell us about the Pine tree Schilling you recently purchased...start to finish.

### **Dues May be Paid**

The Northwest Coin Club has 78 current members as the end of 2021 approaches. Dues for 2022 may be paid to the Secretary at the December meeting. Dues may also be paid by mail to the club P. O. Box 18053, Minneapolis, MN 55418-0053.

Some members typically pay at the spring Money Show in March. Those who have not paid by April 1, 2022, will be designated as inactive.

### **INFORMATION SHARING AT THE NORTHWEST COIN CLUB 2022 SPRING MONEY SHOW!**

Do you want to share your numismatic knowledge with other coin collectors? Do you want to compete with other numismatic exhibitors? Do you want to volunteer your time to make exhibiting at the Spring Money Show a success? Then, now is the time to start thinking about how you can contribute to the success of this year's exhibiting program.

To enter an exhibit, follow this link [click on the words in blue] to the [Exhibit Application](https://www.northwestcoinclub.com/uploads/1/1/4/3/114393559/2022_northwest_coin_club_money_show_exhibit_application.pdf) at the Northwest Coin Club website. [https://www.northwestcoinclub.com/uploads/1/1/4/3/114393559/2022\\_northwest\\_coin\\_club\\_money\\_show\\_exhibit\\_application.pdf](https://www.northwestcoinclub.com/uploads/1/1/4/3/114393559/2022_northwest_coin_club_money_show_exhibit_application.pdf)

Still want to share your numismatic knowledge, but don't want to compete? Then maybe a Numismatic Story Board is the answer. Follow this link to the [Numismatic Story Board Application](https://www.northwestcoinclub.com/uploads/1/1/4/3/114393559/numismatic_story_board_application_2022_nwcc.pdf):

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More information about Exhibits and Numismatic Story Boards can be found here: <https://www.northwestcoinclub.com/nwcc-money-show.html>

Not interested in mounting an Exhibit or creating a Numismatic Story Board, but still want to be involved in the exhibiting program at the Spring Money Show? Then volunteer to staff the exhibit spaces at the NWCC Spring Money Show. Get to know the exhibits, and meet lots of interesting and interested show attendees. Once Exhibit applications are closed, we will hold a ZOOM training session for exhibit area volunteers. To volunteer, sign up with the volunteer coordinator, John Jost, or the Exhibit Coordinator, Franklin Noel, or send an email to the Money Show e-mail address,

All Exhibit and Numismatic Story Board Applications must be received no later than February 1, 2022. Applications may be attached to an e-mail, or delivered to the NWCC P.O. Box. There will be awards for First, Second, and Third place. Exhibits will be evaluated by judges using the criteria set forth in the [evaluation form](#) found here:

[https://www.northwestcoinclub.com/uploads/1/1/4/3/114393559/judge\\_evaluation\\_sheet\\_-\\_2022\\_spring.pdf](https://www.northwestcoinclub.com/uploads/1/1/4/3/114393559/judge_evaluation_sheet_-_2022_spring.pdf)

In addition, there will be a “People’s Choice Award,” for the most popular exhibit as measured by the votes of the Spring Money Show attendees.

The 2022 Northwest Coin Club Spring Money Show will run from March 18 to March 20, 2022, at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers will be needed to assist with the 2022 NWCC Money Show. Volunteers typically sign up for a two-hour time block at one of the locations. John Jost will be coordinating volunteers for the registration counter and the club table. Franklin Noel is coordinating volunteers to work in the exhibit area. You may contact either of these members at a club meeting.

### **For Sale to a Good Home – Lincoln Cent Collection**

A few years ago, our club received a donation of a complete Lincoln Cent collection from 1909 to 2007. All of the coins are in this book except for two coins that are slabbed. The two slabbed coins are the 1909-S VDB and the 1922 no D. The picture of these 2 coins shows the grading service review of each. [PCGS Genuine, NGC F 12 BN]

We have lingered on the disposition of this donation. The executive board made the decision



to get a qualifying offer from a dealer at the MOON coin show this October. Three different dealers were asked to provide a quote of purchase. The high offer came from a dealer in Iowa who has offered \$1800. We are now offering this collection to our members. If you are interested in obtaining this collection, you may place a silent auction bid to our Money Show General Chair, who is not participating. At our December 2021 meeting, we will be announcing the winner of the collection. If you would like to view the collection before making a bid, please contact our president to arrange a time to meet.

Money Show General Chair - Greg Billman - [gmbillman76@yahoo.com](mailto:gmbillman76@yahoo.com)

President - George Ross - [geokat1@aol.com](mailto:geokat1@aol.com)

### **Free to a Good Home**

Offered free: four metal ammunition cases, 4 inches wide, 11 inches deep and 7 inches high. Good for waterproof storage of coin rolls. Could even be used to store ammunition. If interested contact NWCC editor at [NWCC1934editor@gmail.com](mailto:NWCC1934editor@gmail.com).

### **Club Outreach**

Over the last couple weekends, there have been a couple of coin shows that have happened around the Metro Area, the Roseville Coin Show and the Fall Liberty Coin Show. George and Greg worked to get a few of our members to show up at these coin shows to socialize and promote our club. For the Roseville coin show on November 20th, George, Randy and Greg met up for coffee before the start of the show to talk coins and share stories. We then went over to the show for a few hours to hand out flyers for the Spring Money Show and talk about our club to anyone that wanted to stop by. This got the juices flowing for the idea to continue at the Liberty Coin Show on Sunday November 28th. At this event, there were at least 9 people involved. The members proudly wore their Club shirts and had a great time talking amongst themselves and to anyone from the public that wanted to stop by.

We have yet to talk with the people that run the South St. Paul Show or the Bloomington Show, but we have gotten asked to return for the Roseville show on December 11th. If you are interested in coming by to talk with other club members about your coin collection or look for some potential trades with other members, please contact our club mail [nwcc1934@gmail.com](mailto:nwcc1934@gmail.com) to let our team know. The show starts at 9 am. If we get enough interest, we can start asking to be part of the other 2 monthly shows to have a table there as well. We were given the tables at both shows for free as the organizers felt that it was a great addition to help people stay longer at the coin show.

## Introducing the Minnesota Numismatic Directory

Several club members attended the recent Liberty Coin Show and staffed a table to promote our club. We visited with officers from the Liberty Club and the Great River Regional Coin Club and discussed ways to cooperate to promote our shows, our meetings and numismatics in general.

It was decided to create a listing of the Minnesota clubs with contact names. Following is the initial draft of this listing. We are looking for comments and ways to improve. Can anyone provide updates to the contact information? Do you remember a Minnesota coin club that does not meet any more? Send your updates to the newsletter editor at [nwcc1934editor@gmail.com](mailto:nwcc1934editor@gmail.com).

### Minnesota Numismatic Directory

#### Coin Clubs

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| Club activity reported prior to Covid-19 in 2020 may not be resumed in 2022.  | Kenwood Park Center (temporarily closed)<br>2101 W. Franklin Ave.<br>Minneapolis, MN 55405<br>George Ross<br><a href="mailto:geokat1@aol.com">geokat1@aol.com</a><br><a href="http://www.northwestcoinclub.com">http://www.northwestcoinclub.com</a>   |
| Great River Regional Coin Club (GRRCC)<br>[Meets first Thursday of each month]<br>Miller Indoor Auto Plaza<br>St. Cloud, MN   | Owatonna Collectors Club<br>[Meets third Thursday of each month]<br>Owatonna Public Library<br>105 N. Elm Ave.<br>Owatonna, MN 55060<br>Rick Gnemi   |
| Liberty Coin Club of St. Paul (LCC)<br>[Meets most weeks on Tuesday]<br>Washington County Oakdale Branch Library<br>1010 Heron Ave, N.<br>Oakdale, MN 55128<br>Scott Adams<br><a href="mailto:twkdewell@msn.com">twkdewell@msn.com</a><br><a href="http://www.libertycoinclub.org">http://www.libertycoinclub.org</a> | Red River Valley Coin Club (RRVCC)<br>[Meets first and third Tuesdays]<br>Moorhead Public Library<br>118 5 <sup>th</sup> St. S.<br>Moorhead, MN 56560<br>Robert Hanna<br><a href="mailto:cmpeterson654@outlook.com">cmpeterson654@outlook.com</a><br><a href="http://redrivervalleycoinclub.org/">http://redrivervalleycoinclub.org/</a> |
| Northern Lakes Coin & Currency Club<br>[Meets third Monday of each month]<br>Grand Rapids YMCA<br>400 River Rd.<br>Grand Rapids, MN 55744<br><a href="http://www.nlcoinclub.org">http://www.nlcoinclub.org</a>  | Rochester Area Coin Club<br>[Meets last Wednesday of each month]<br>Hy-Vee Food Store Cafeteria<br>1315 6 <sup>th</sup> St. NW   |
| Northwest Coin Club (NWCC)<br>[Meets second Thursday of each month]   |  |

Rochester, MN 55901  
Jerry Swanson  
jerryswanson@hotmail.com

Twin Cities Ancient Coin Club (TCACC)  
[Meets fourth Thursday of each month]  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
104 Snelling Ave. So.  
St. Paul, MN 55105  
<http://rmcvay98.wixsite.com/tcancientcoinclub>

Twin Ports Coin & Currency Club (TPCCC)  
[Meets second Tuesday of each month]  
Duluth Gospel Tabernacle  
1515 W. Superior St.  
Duluth, MN 55806

### **Former Minnesota Coin Clubs**

Anoka Coin Club  
College City-Northfield Coin Club  
[Active in 1960's, Inactive in 2021]  
Mankato Coin Club (1960's / 1980's)  
Maplewood Coin Club [Founded by Elon  
Piche in 1965; active in 1989]  
Minnesota International Numismatists  
(M.I.N.N.) [Active 1974-1999]  
Minnesota Organization of Numismatists  
(MOON) [Disbanded, end of 2021]  
U & I Coin Club (Active 1970-1993)  
Winona Coin Club [Organized about 1956]

### **Minnesota Coin Show Directory**

Bloomington Coin and Currency Show  
Bloomington Crown Plaza (monthly)  
3 Appletree Square  
Antique Coins / David  
[hunt4coins@yahoo.com](mailto:hunt4coins@yahoo.com)

Liberty Coin Club (semi-annual)  
Ideal Hall  
1494 North Dale Street  
St. Paul, MN  
Dave Foley and Steve Betzler

Northwest Coin Club Money Show (2/yr)  
Earle Brown Heritage Center  
6155 Earle Brown Dr.  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430  
Greg Billman  
nwccmoneyshow@gmail.com

Red River Valley Coin Club Show  
Ramada Fargo  
333 13<sup>th</sup> Ave, S.  
Fargo, ND  
Bob Hanna  
bob@cgains.com

Roseville Coin Show  
Roseville Skating Center  
2661 Civic Center Dr.  
St. Paul, MN 55111  
Andrew Swammi  
ASwammi@comcast.net

South Saint Paul Coin Show (monthly)  
UFCW Local 1189  
266 Hardman Ave.  
South St. Paul, MN  
Antique Coins / David