

WEST GEORGIA COIN CLUB

INFORMATION FLYER

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Mondays- Setup: 4pm--- Meeting Starts At 5:30 pm- Raffle At 5:55 pm--Auction Starts: 6:00 pm.

Welcome to the West Georgia Coin Club: (WGCC)

Mission- *Our purpose is to encourage and promote an interest in numismatics through the cultivation of friendly relations with collectors & dealers, encouragement of amateur collectors, and assisting all people who display an interest in numismatics.*

Today's Metals Prices

(Last week: Gold \$ 5320.80 Silver \$ 89.20 Platinum \$2305.00)

Gold \$ _____ per oz **Silver** \$ _____ per oz **Platinum** \$ _____ per

Do you need?

Auction sell sheets, applications, junior applications, auction rules/procedures, or a copy of the club "Information Flyer"See your club secretary (JB)- Copies of all documents are available.

Coin Spotlight: U.S Half Cent 1793-1857

The U.S. half-cent, minted from 1793 to 1857, was the lowest denomination coin in U.S. history, created to facilitate trade based on the Spanish dollar, which was often divided into bits. Made of pure copper and featuring "Miss Liberty," it was roughly the size of a modern quarter. It was discontinued in 1857 due to low purchasing power and high production costs. A U.S. half cent represented roughly 12¢ to 17¢ in 2026 value, acting as a functional, small-denomination coin for basic goods. It could purchase items like a portion of a pound of potatoes (which cost ~1.5 cents a pound).

It's hard to imagine that half a cent would buy anything, but when U.S. currency was introduced in 1792, one dollar had the purchasing power of over \$18 today.

Daily wages in 1793 were between .75 cents to a 1.00.

Daily Expenses: In 1793. A meal with a beer or cider cost .15-.30 cents.

Liberty Cap, (Left... right), Draped, Classic Head, Braided Hair, Size 22- 23.5mm.



Meet your 2026 WGCC Officers/Officials:

President: Rick Horne

Head Auctioneer: Chris Evans

Assistant Treasurer: Cal Robinson

Vice-President: Craig Jones

Club Chaplain: O.A. Powers

Asst. Secretary: Teresa Robinson

Treasurer: Chris Evans

Auction Runner- O.A. Powers

Asst. Auctioneer: Eric Dodson

Secretary: James Bouwens (JB)

Asst. Runner: Jacob Buterbaugh



The Mint Minute:

Take a minute to look over what the U.S. Mint is releasing this month.



Woodrow Wilson Metal

March 19th



Revolutionary War Quarter

March 27th



American Innovation 1 dollar

(Bags and

Rolls)- April 7th



American Eagle 2026 Enhanced



2026 Half Dollar- Enduring Freedom



2026 Gold Proof Buffalo

Weekly Treasury Report:

- The club took in **\$39.** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
- Donations last week brought in **\$40.**
- Last week's raffle bought in **\$144.** – Please continue to try your luck.
- Baskets sold last week **\$27.**



(Remember all proceeds go toward club)

Weekly Secretary Report:

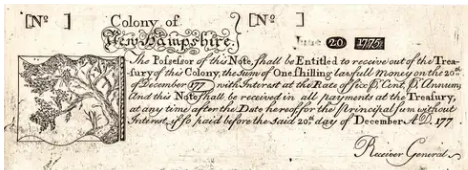
- President- Rick Horne presided over the meeting. - Monthly Reports- J.B. gave the February Secretary Report.
- We had 0 new member joined last week.
- We had 0 member renew their dues last week.



Did You Know? 1690 Colonial Notes- The first U.S. Paper.

Paper currency in the United States is born, issued by the Massachusetts Bay Colony to fund military expeditions. Other colonies quickly take up the practice of issuing paper notes.

The 1690 Massachusetts colonial notes were the first government-issued paper money in the Western world, created to fund military expenses during King William's War.



What's New/Announcements:

A new monthly club raffle for a high value item- will start soon to raise money for the end-of-the-year Christmas party. More details to come.

Reminders: 2026 club dues should have been paid.....

