

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 \$ xxxxxx Silver \$ xxxxx Platinum \$xxxx.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: Gold – 4 Dollar Coin- Stella- (Two designs)

The \$4 Stella is a rare U.S. gold coin pattern from 1879–1880, minted in small quantities for foreign exchange purposes. It is not a regular circulating coin but has become a sought-after collectible. Only 425 examples of the Stella were made. All 1880 coins are rare; 25 examples are known.

- **Metal:** 85% gold, 15% silver/copper alloy
- **Weight:** ~7 grams
- **Diameter:** ~22 mm
- **Obverse:** Flowing Hair (Charles E. Barber) or Coiled Hair (George T. Morgan)
- **Reverse:** "DEO EST GLORIA" (God is Glorious) with a five-pointed star.

Flowing Hair Design (1879)



Coiled Hair Design (1880)



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.



2026 Morgan Reverse Proof
July 9th



2026 Peace Reverse Proof
July 9th



Best of the Mint 1916 SLQ & Metal Set
July 10th



Minnesota American Innovation
Rolls & Bags- July 28th



3rd Comic Art -3 medal Set- Super Heros
August 3rd



Freedom Ringing Bell Gold Coin
½ ounce – July 16th

Weekly Treasury Report:

- The club took in **\$26.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
- Donations last week brought in **\$11.00 along with \$90 dollars for the final week of quilt sales.**
- Last week's raffle brought in **\$90.00.** – Please continue to try your luck. (Remember, all proceeds go toward club)
- Baskets sold last week **21**



Weekly Secretary Report:

- President- Rick Horne presided over the meeting.
- We had **1** new member joined last week. – **Welcome Bill Fowler.**
- We had 0 members renew their dues last week.



Did You Know? The First U.S. Mint Director- David Rittenhouse (1732-1796)

David Rittenhouse was born in Philadelphia, PA on April 8th, 1732. When he was a young boy, his uncle passed away and left him his carpentry tools and instructional books. Rittenhouse started crafting scale models of the buildings around him that were quite incredible. He mastered Newton's Law of Motion and Gravity and the ripe old age of 13. His intelligence started to get noticed. At 19, he obtained a scholarship to Rutgers University in New Jersey because of 2 solar system models he made for them. Rittenhouse was the first in the U.S. to build a telescope. He was the first American to see the planet Uranus in 1781. Rittenhouse helped establish border lines for several states including New York and Pennsylvania. He used observations from the transit of Venus to calculate the distance between earth and the sun to be 93 million miles. He became the Treasurer of Pennsylvania in 1777. Because of this, and George Washington's urging, Rittenhouse became the first U.S. Mint Director on April 2, 1792. He was known as believing that coins were artwork. The first coins Rittenhouse himself struck were made from Washington's own flatware. They were a test and were then given to Washington as a gift. Rittenhouse resigned as Mint Director on June 30th, 1795, because of his failing health. He passed away a year later in 1796.



Coins produced under his administration: The pre-U.S. coins (1792) -Silver Cent, Birch Cent, Half Disme, Disme, & Quarter--- The official U.S. coins the Rittenhouse was involved with are- Half Cent, Large Cent, Half Dime, (development of the Dime, & Quarter 1796), the Half and Dollar. Rittenhouse also oversaw the development and production of gold coins such as the Quarter Eagle (\$2 ½), Half Eagle (\$5), and the Eagle (10). (Director 1 of 41).

Attention Members/Dealers - Club Needs:

The club is looking to buy BU/UNC items. A total of 5 mint sets, 5 Kennedy or Bengi half dollars, and 5 Morgan dollars per month for the weekly raffles. Please see Chris Evans if you wish to sell items to the club.

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

