

# 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 \$ 4008.80 Silver \$ 56.54 Platinum \$1601.00)

**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 – Double Eagles- 20 Dollar Coin -1849 - 1933**

The production of the first double eagle coincided with the 1849 California Gold Rush. In that year, the mint produced two pieces in proof. In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt sought to beautify American coinage, and proposed Augustus Saint-Gaudens as an artist capable of the task. Although the sculptor had poor experiences with the Mint and its chief engraver, Charles E. Barber, Saint-Gaudens accepted Roosevelt's call. The work was subject to considerable delays, due to Saint-Gaudens's declining health and difficulties because of the high relief of his design. Saint-Gaudens died in 1907, after designing the eagle and double eagle, but before the designs were finalized for production. The new coin became known as the Saint-Gaudens double eagle. Regular production continued until 1933. The obverse of Saint-Gaudens's final design shows a female figure of Liberty, who also represents victory. Saint-Gaudens based his design on the female figure he had designed in creating New York City's monument to General William Tecumseh Sherman.



**1907 High Relief – Roman Numerals**



**Liberty Head 1849- 1907**



**The Fabled 1933- \$18.8 Million**



### **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 U.S. Constitution Quarters  
August 26th



2026 Morgan Enhanced Coin  
August 25th



Best of the Mint 1916 Walker & Metal Set  
August 6th



Minnesota American Innovation  
Rolls & Bags- July 28<sup>th</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup> Comic Art -3 medal Set- Super Heros  
August 3rd



2026 Peace Enhanced Coin  
August 25th

## **Weekly Treasury Report:**

- The club took in **\$28.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
- Donations last week brought in **\$15.00- Thank you James Kubicek**
- Last week's raffle brought in **\$140.00.** – Please continue to try your luck.
- Baskets sold last week **19**



(Remember, all proceeds go toward club)

## **Weekly Secretary Report:**

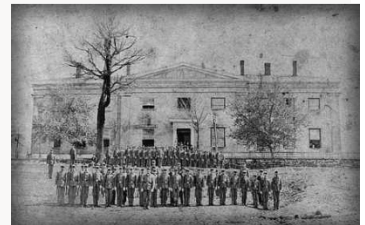
- President- Rick Horne presided over the meeting.
- We had 0 new members joined last week. –
- We had 0 members renew their dues last week.



## **Did You Know? The U.S. Branch Mints- Dahlonega Georgia 1838 - 1861**

Between 1838 and 1861, the U.S. Branch Mint at Dahlonega turned out more than \$6,000,000 in gold coins. A landmark of America's first real gold rush, its ruins can be found today beneath the Price Memorial Building on the campus of North Georgia College & State University. The discovery of gold in the North Georgia mountains during the winter of 1828-1829 sparked a gold rush unlike anything ever before seen in the United States. By the summer of 1829, eyewitnesses reported, as many as 3,000 miners were already digging and panning for gold. The mint produced coins every year from 1838 through 1861. Denominations produced included \$1.00; \$2.50 (quarter eagles); \$3.00 (1854 only); and \$5.00 (half eagles). (Sorry No 10 dollar eagles for you).

When the American Civil War broke out in 1861, the Dahlonega Mint was seized by the Confederates. It is believed that after the Confederates took over the mint in 1861, that some gold dollars and half eagles were minted under the authority of the Confederate States Government. The exact number of 1861-D gold dollars produced is unknown, while approximately 1,597 1861-D half eagles were struck. Because of their relatively low mintage, all Dahlonega-minted gold coins are rare. It is generally accepted that gold coins estimated to exceed \$6 million were minted here. After the end of the Civil War, The United States Government decided against reopening the mint. The building was unused until the founding of the University of North Georgia (or North Georgia College, as it was initially known) in 1873. The mint building was used as the main academic and administrative building for the college until a fire destroyed the original building in December 1878.



## **Attention- What's New– We have a Facebook Page**

**The club now has a Facebook page for our club. We will be posting pictures and a short invitation to those out there that have interest in visiting our meeting/auction each week. Give it a look and follow.... Search West Georgia Coin Club on Facebook and pass the word.**

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

