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 $ 4417.19 Silver $ 65.91 Platinum $1780.00)*

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: Key Date/Hard to Acquire. 1880 Shield Nickel

Among all the Shield Nickels, the 1880 nickel has the lowest mintage of any circulation strike date in the series. The1880 saw a circulation strike mintage of 16,000. In stark contrast to the business strike rarity, proof 1880 Shield Nickels are relatively common. The Philadelphia Mint struck 3,955 examples for collectors, with an estimated survival rate around 2,700 pieces.

G-4	$2,500	Major hurdle for series collectors; very low population
VF-20	$5,000	Approximately 10 examples known
EF-40	$8,500	Approximately 10 examples known
AU-50	$12,500	Approximately 6 examples known
MS-60	$20,000	Uncirculated examples exceptionally rare
MS-63	$35,000	Approximately 4 examples known
MS-65	$75,000	Approximately 11 examples known
MS-66	$135,000	Only 2 examples known; condition census



The 1880 Shield Nickel business strike is the undisputed key date of the series. From the original mintage of 16,000 pieces, modern numismatic scholarship estimates only 100-125 examples survive across all grades. Third-party grading service population reports confirm this extreme scarcity: as of late 2023, NGC had graded only 47 business strikes, while PCGS had certified fewer than two dozen. This rarity translates into exceptional market values, with even heavily worn examples valued in the thousands of dollars.

Meet your 2026 WGCC Officers/Officials:

President: Rick Horne
Vice-President: Craig Jones
Treasurer: Chris Evans
Secretary: James Bouwens (JB)

Head Auctioneer: Chris Evans
Club Chaplain: O.A. Powers
Auction Runner- O.A. Powers

Assistant Treasurer: Cal Robinson
Asst. Secretary: Teresa Robinson
Asst. Auctioneer: Eric Dodson
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



Calvin Coolidge Silver Medal
September 3rd



American Eagle 2026 1oz Palladium Coin
September 3rd



Semi-quincentennial Dollar Coin
September 2nd- (rolls & bags)



2026 Peace Enhanced Coin
August 25th

Weekly Treasury Report:



-The club took in **$23.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
-Donations last week brought in **$9.00- Thank you Keith.**
-Last week's raffle brought in **$195.00**. – Please continue to try your luck.
-Baskets sold last week **22**

(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- Denver 1906- Current

The Denver Mint is a branch of the United States Mint that struck its first coins on February 1, 1906. The mint is still operating and producing coins for circulation, as well as mint sets and commemorative coins. Coins produced at the Denver Mint bear a D mint mark (as did the Dahlonega Mint, which closed before the Denver branch opened).

The story of the Denver Mint begins not with coins, but with gold dust. Established in 1863 as a U.S. Assay Office, the facility originally processed gold brought in from Colorado's booming gold fields. Miners would bring their raw gold to be melted down, assayed, and converted into gold bars.

Here's a fun fact: the Denver Mint can produce over 50 million coins in a single day.

Given its responsibility for handling billions of dollars in precious metal and currency, it's no surprise that the Denver Mint is heavily secured. While less publicized than Fort Knox, the Mint houses significant reserves of gold bullion. At one point in history, it even had a machine gun mounted on the roof to deter would-be thieves.



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 are interested in visiting our meeting/auction each week. Give it a look and follow…. Search West Georgia Coin Club on Facebook and pass the word.

This year's Christmas dinner- December 14th- Details to come soon.



