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 $ 46.52.80 Silver $ 69.02 Platinum $1882.00)*

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. 1913 Liberty Nickel

The 1913 Liberty Head nickel is an American five-cent piece which was produced in extremely limited quantities unauthorized by the United States Mint, making it one of the best-known and most coveted rarities in American numismatics. In 1972, one specimen of the five-cent coin became the first coin to sell for over US $100,000; in 1996, another specimen became the first to sell for over US $1 million. A specimen was sold for US $3 million in a 2004 private sale, then resold for US $3.7 million at a public auction in 2010. The latest sale of the proof 66 coin was in August 2018 for 4.56 million dollars.

Only five examples are known to exist: two in private collections and three in museums.

Samuel W. Brown (employed at the mint from 1903 to November 1913) – August Wagner (who advertised the five 1913 Liberty Nickels for sale in The Numismatist in late 1923 and early 1924) - Stephen K. Nagy (possibly a Wagner accomplice) - Wayte Raymond (either as owner or broker) - Col. E.H.R. Green Collection (Green purchased all five 1913 Liberty Nickels from Wayte Raymond circa 1924-1926) – Burdette G. Johnson & Eric P. Newman (who purchased all five 1913 Liberty Nickels from the Green estates for $2,000 in December 1941.



The five known examples are:

Elisasberg Speciman-PR66 ….. Olson-Hydeman Speciman-PR64….. Walton Speciman- PR-63….. Norweb Specimen- PF-62….. McDermott-Bebee Specimen- PR-55

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 Innovation Reverse Proof Set
Fall Release



Herbert Hoover Medal
Fall release



Calvin Coolidge Silver Medal
September 3rd



American Eagle 2026 1oz Palladium Coin
September 3rd



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



Best of the Mint 1907 St. Gaudens
September 24th

Weekly Treasury Report:



-The club took in **$27.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
-Donations last week brought in **$0.00-**
-Last week's raffle brought in **$120.00**. – Please continue to try your luck. (Remember, all proceeds go toward club)
-Baskets sold last week **16**
-Christmas Raffle Tickets Sold- **$50**

Weekly Secretary Report:



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

Did You Know? The U.S. Branch Mints- West Point 1988- Current

As of 1937, it served as a storage facility for silver bullion and was thus nicknamed "The Fort Knox of Silver." Even without United States Mint status, it produced U.S. coinage. From 1974 through 1986, the West Point Mint produced Lincoln cents bearing no mint mark, making them indistinguishable from those produced at the Philadelphia Mint. The years 1977 to 1979 saw Washington quarters produced as well. Approximately 20 billion dollars' worth of gold was stored in its vaults in the early 1980s (although this was still significantly less than at Fort Knox).

September 1983 saw the first appearance of the "W" mint mark (from this still unofficial U.S. Mint) on a $10 gold coin commemorating the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. This was the first legal tender U.S. gold coin minted since 1933. In 1986, American Gold Eagle bullion coins were solely produced at this facility, again, with no mint mark. The West Point Bullion Depository was granted mint status on March 31, 1988. Starting in 1999 American Silver Eagle bullion coins were also produced at the mint.



In 2002, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point was honored for its 200th anniversary, and a Bicentennial commemorative silver dollar was issued and unveiled on March 16 of that year, featuring a cadet color guard on the obverse and the helmet of Pallas Athena on the reverse. The coin was produced only at the West Point Mint.

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.



