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 $ xxxx 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: Key Date/Hard to Acquire. 1846 Half Dime

The 1846 Liberty Seated Half Dime is a famous pre-Civil War key date coin with a very low mintage of just 27,000 pieces struck at the Philadelphia Mint. Experts consider the 1846 issue to be the most desirable key date in the regular Seated Liberty Half Dime series, outside of unique rarities. Because survival estimates are low—with perhaps only a few hundred specimens remaining in all grades combined—demand from collectors remains intense for any authentic piece. The Philadelphia Mint deployed just one set of dies to strike the entire business-strike mintage of 27,000 pieces, while a second die marriage produced a tiny number of proofs. On this issue, the obverse die was heavily polished, leaving the top shield point positioned just to the right of the date's "1" and the final two digits canted slightly downward away from Liberty's base.

G-4= $850
VG-8= $1350
F-12= $2000
VF-20= $3000
EF-40= $4750
AU-50= $9000
MS-60=$ 21,500

Keep your eyes peeled for a1870-S.
Mintage- 1 known.





Top Pop: PCGS MS63. Joseph O'Connor, January 2004; Heritage Auctions, August 2012, Lot 5074 – $38,187.50; "The Eugene H. Gardner Collection," Heritage Auctions, June 23, 2014, Lot 30192 – $23,501.18. As PCGS MS63 #02419418. "The Bender Family Collection, Part IV," Heritage Auctions, May 3, 2023, Lot 3056 – $43,200.

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



Supergirl 2.5 oz Silver Medal
October 1st



Supergirl half oz Gold Proof Coin
October `1st



Supergirl One oz Silver Coin
October 1st



Best of the Mint 1907 St. Gaudens
September 24th

Weekly Treasury Report:



-The club took in **$30.00** in snacks last week- Thank you to all that bought items.
-Donations last week brought in **$15.00-**
-Last week's raffle brought in **$150.00**. – 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 **1** new member joined last week. –
-We had 0 members renew their dues last week.

Did You Know? The U.S. Branch Mints- Proposed Dalles Oregon- (1864) and St. Louis Missouri- (1905)

In 1864, in response to Oregon's own gold rush, Congress authorized a branch Mint in Dalles City, Oregon and constructed a building starting in 1869. However, the project was repeatedly delayed, and as the gold rushes waned and the Central Pacific Railroad opened, the mint became obsolete before the building could be completed and the minting equipment could be installed. No minting or assaying duties were ever performed. Congress gave the building to the state in 1875 to use for educational purposes. **Ironic fact:** William Logan was appointed as superintendent of the planned mint, but he died in the shipwreck of the S.S. Brother Jonathan en-route to The Dalles.

The Proposed Mint: "An Argument in Favor of Its Location in St. Louis" is a rare, historically significant historical text published in 1905. The document served as an economic and political lobbying tool to convince the federal government to establish a new United States Mint branch in St. Louis, Missouri. Historically, the existing assay office in St. Louis was not entirely devoid of federal monetary operations. The city was home to the St. Louis Assay Office, which operated from 1881 to 1911 to evaluate precious metals. The Final Outcome: Despite the city's aggressive campaign and recent global spotlight from the 1904 World's Fair, the lobbying effort ultimately failed. Congress did not authorize a St. Louis branch. The U.S. Mint system chose to rely on its existing coinage facilities in Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Denver (which opened its coinage operations in 1906).

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.



