

## The Year in Review 2023

2023 saw club membership down a little from 308 in 2022 to 297 in 2023. Our monthly coin show continues to do well. In fact, 2023 was my best year at the show ever. Attendance at the meetings was 50 to 60. Pre-covid, we had 80 to 90 attend. As far as finances are concerned, we have a sound bank account, but we lost \$1647 in 2023. Expenses went up 10%. We are a 501c3 corporation (Charity) so we don't have to make money all the time.

In January, 32 members went to the FUN Show on the bus. Members paid \$30 but we lost \$250. on the bus trip. At the first meeting we discussed the FUN Show and Gregg Wagner gave a program on "Civil War Dog Tags & Sutler Tokens".

February 8<sup>th</sup>, we had Estate Auction #45-1. The auction grossed \$4842, and the club made \$242. February 22<sup>nd</sup>, was Estate Auction #45-2. The auction grossed \$5240. The club made \$262.

March 8<sup>th</sup>, we had Estate Auction #46. The auction grossed \$7149, and the club made \$799. March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Gregg Wagner had a program on "Colonial Coins".

April 12<sup>th</sup> was Slab Auction #11. The auction grossed \$2974, and the club made \$298. The 2024 Red Books came in and we donated 17 to the PBC Library System. Red books were sold at cost to the membership. April 26<sup>th</sup>, Gregg Wagner had a program on "Shield Nickels, 1866-1883". We had a Grading Contest won by Bruce Eleshewich.

May 10<sup>th</sup> was "Free Food Night". We had subs from Vince's Deli and Calzone, Stromboli, pizza, and desserts from Colombino's. 85 attended. Gregg gave a talk on "The Old Philadelphia Mint". On the 24<sup>th</sup>, Gregg Wagner spoke on "Silver Commemorative Half Dollars".

June 14<sup>th</sup>, Gregg spoke on "The Discovery of Gold and the San Francisco Mint". On the 28<sup>th</sup>, Gregg spoke on "An Overview of Hard Times Tokens".

July 14<sup>th</sup> was the bus trip to Summer FUN. 35 members went. We lost \$400 on the bus. Rechant Metals donated a huge number of numismatic supplies which we auctioned off and made several hundred dollars. We sent Club Essay Contest winner YN Max Brand to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, CO. (\$1800 value).

In August, Tony gave a report on the ANA National Money Show in Pittsburgh, PA.

September 13<sup>th</sup> Gregg gave a program on "Capped Bust Half Dimes". On the 27<sup>th</sup>, he gave a program on "Treasure & Treasure Hunting- The 1715 Lost Fleet". 2024 Club Calendars came in selling at \$1 each.

October 11<sup>th</sup> was Estate Auction #47 (The Larry Deese Sale). The auction grossed \$6398. and the club made \$320. We had a Board meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We donated \$100 to both the ANA and the Anti-Counterfeit Task Force. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, we had a "Mini-Coin Show" with 20 club members setting up tables at no charge.

November 8<sup>th</sup> was the nomination of club Officers & Board for 2024. November 18-19<sup>th</sup>, the club had a table at the Gem & Mineral Show at the WPB Fairgrounds Expo Building. November 22<sup>nd</sup> was the club election. Election results were as follows, President- Tony Swicer, VP- Kelley McDougall, Secretary- Alan Liemer, Treasurer- Robert Leneve, Director of YN's- Dan Pecoraro, Newsletter Editor- Rick Carver. Board members are Tony Acevedo, Rick carver, Jack Diaz, Bruce Eleshewich, George Kovacic, Carole Marshall, Tim Morley, Ed Napoli, Sandy Pearl, John Pellegrino, Richard Spencer, and Gregg Wagner. The program was "Early Bust Halves- 1807-1820" by Gregg Wagner.

December 13<sup>th</sup> was our Potluck Dinner and White Elephant Sale. 75 members were there and spent \$635 on tickets and the sale. The monies raised paid for all the meat and drinks. Our "Club Member of the Year" was Denny Thostenson for writing numismatic articles in our newsletter every month but February. Denny received a Certificate and \$50. Gregg Wagner did programs at the club every month and he was asked and voted in as a Board member. We partnered with the Numismatic Association of Nicaragua thanks to club member Piero Bergman. We sent them 50 pounds of Numismatic supplies in December. We are always looking for more donations for them, especially Whitman folders and bookshelf albums. December 24<sup>th</sup>, we had our final coin show of the year. As it turns out, it was a mistake to have the show that close to Christmas. We only had 28 dealers instead of the usual 48. So, we lost money.