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July 2021 Events

July 4 - CANCELLED

Gold Coast Coin, Stamp & Collectible Show

July 8-10

Summer FUN Show

Hall WE1 - far right, close to the Rosen Plaza

July 11

Melbourne Coin - Stamp & Collectible Show

Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne

July 14

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM

Meeting Begins at 7:00PM

July 18

Ft. Lauderdale Coin and Stamp Show

Volunteer Park Community Center, Plantation

July 25

PBCC Coin Show

American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Rd., Greenacres

July 28

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM

Meeting begins at 7:00PM

Estate Auction #41-5

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Presidents Message

We had a good meeting June 9th with about 61 in attendance. Every meeting a few more members return. We are still in the big room with six feet spacing of chairs and lots of space otherwise. Gregg Wagner spoke on "Civil War Tokens" and had a handout. He showed some of his CWT collection, followed by door prizes, raffle prizes, jackpot drawing and the 100-lot auction. We had drinks and cookies.

The *Summer FUN Show* is Thursday, July 8th to Saturday, July 10th, Hall WE1 - far right, close to the Rosen Plaza.

Friday, July 9th is the club bus trip to *Summer FUN*. We have 23 members going on the bus. The bus leaves at 7AM from Igelsia Familia Church, 855 Jog Rd, near the NW corner of Jog Rd & Summit Blvd. IMPORTANT - Going on the bus? Masks are mandatory. Wednesday, July 14th, Steve Feiertag will speak on "Ways to Collect a Type Set" and we will discuss the *Summer FUN Show*. Wednesday, July 28th is Estate Auction #41-5, U.S. Type Coins, half cents thru \$5 gold pieces. 84 lots total.

June 1st, 2021, FUN VP and PBCC President Tony Swicer was commissioned a "Kentucky Colonel" by Kentucky governor Andy Beshear for Tony's work on the Whitman Obsolete Paper Money Book, Volume 7. Tony researched, priced, and determined the rarity of all the Kentucky obsoletes in the book (125 pages) in 2016. In addition, Tony collects Kentucky National Bank Notes and has 560 different. He did a power point presentation of his hometown notes, Newport, KY at Newport City Hall for the mayor, city councilmen, and city historian in 2017. His power point is on www.nkyviews.com website.

In the News

On May 24th the first two 2021 Silver Dollars with privy marks sold out in minutes leaving many collectors

mad. The June 1st and 7th pre-orders have been postponed indefinitely to update the Mint's website capabilities. These coins are already selling on eBay for five times the issue price of \$85.

Keith Moon, son of FUN Board member Donna Moon, has been hired by NGC as Senior Grading Finalizer. Keith worked for NFC in Orlando from 2005-09, PCGS 2009-13, NGC 2013-16, and NFC 2016-21.

June 1st the Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force helped the Secret Service authenticate 40,000 Morgan & Peace dollars, Silver Eagles and 2 1/2 dollar Indians as fake. 1700 bags of coins from China were confiscated in Temecula (L.A. suburb), CA. All coins were in clear round containers with white plastic foam inserts.

June 2nd, German Empire coins from the 19th and 20th centuries bring record prices at the Heideberger-Munzhandlung Auction in Germany.

CCG, Certified Collectors Group, including NGC & PMG are hiring 100 new employees and hope to have 500 employees by the end of summer. They are paying a \$2500 signing bonus.

The Proof 2021-W Silver Eagle with the new reverse goes on sale July 1st. The price is \$73 and 300,000 will be minted, household limit of 25 coins. The new gold proofs go on sale July 8th.

Heritage Long Beach sale June 18-20 will have the finest known 1776 Pewter Continental Dollar graded NGC MS-67 Newman 3-D and a 1792 Half Disme NGC MS-63.

A 5th modified high relief 1922 Peace Dollar has been certified by NGC. The coin is an AU-50 and one of 3200 pieces struck in 1922 that were supposed to be melted down. A 1922 matte proof high relief also exists. A business strike is available for \$250,000.

June 8th, New York, Sotheby's sells the 1933 King Farouk \$20 St. Gaudens for a World Record \$18,872,250. The 24 cent Inverted Jenny plate block sold for \$4,860,000. The British Guiana one-cent black-on-magenta sold for \$8,307,000.

Loose Change

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There is a lot to report this month. First are the ANA Seminar e-learning classes. Starting on June 21, you might want to choose one or all of them. Free through ANA. Here is the schedule.

<https://info.money.org/summer-2021>

All times on the web site are Mountain Daylight Time. So, add two hours to the time.

- **Fundamental Grading Theory**, June 21 at 10AM, Presenters Rod Gillis & Ken Bressett
- **Counterfeit United States Gold Coins**, June 23, 12 noon, Presenter Brian Silliman
- **Chinese-Made Counterfeit Coins**, June 24, 12 noon, Presenter Brian Silliman
- **Discovering Your Coin: How to Truly Learn About the Objects You are Collecting**, June 25, 4PM, Presenter Kellen Hoard
- **The Importance of Eye Appeal**, June 28, 10AM, Presenter Jeff Garrett.
- **Modern Minting Process**, June 29, 10AM, Presenter Sam Gelberd.
- **The Coinage of Roman Egypt: A Survey**. June 30, 10AM, Presenter Kerry Wetterstrom
- **Romano-Companion Coins**, July 1, 10AM, Presenter Scott Rottinghaus
- **Ancient Greek Coinage: An Overview of the World's First Coinage**. July 2, Presenter Doug Mudd.

I will be ordering club name badges so if you want to get one, please see me SOON. I will only be placing this one order this June and will not order again until December. If you have your order by the next coin show, I will have it for you for FUN. Must be prepaid. This is a service to the club members and I do not make any money on this.

The club experienced the loss of two members recently, Club member Helen Woodward passed away after a brief illness. Helen's collection is being handled for her family by Father Kennedy. Many condolences to Carey Schafer on the passing of his wife in mid May.

Not Your Typical Olympic Sports

By Juan L. Riera

In the November 2020 issue of the Palm Beach Coin News, Tony Swicer mention that the US House of Representatives had just passed bill H.R. 1923 authorizing a number of changes to US coinage as well as authorizing award medals for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. This coincides with a recent discovery that a relative, my grandmothers' first cousin Armando Mencia, was an Olympian at the 1932 Los Angeles Summer Olympics. While wondering what sport he might have excelled at and more curiously if he had won a medal, I began looking into the matter.

The founder of the modern Olympic Movement that led to the Modern Olympiad was Pierre de Fredy, Baron de Coubertin believed in an ideal that men being educated in both mind and body should compete in sport rather than war. Another of his desires was to combine both art and sport and these ideals led the Olympic Games to include artistic competition. Although he encountered resistance, between 1912 and 1948 the Olympics had art competitions with medals awarded in five categories: Architecture, Literature, Music, Painting, and Sculpture. The catch was that they had to be inspired by sports - imagine the theme music from the movie Chariots of Fire. Because of this clause the architecture competition frequently involved the design of a stadium, an arena, or a similar type of structure.

Similarly, with each Olympic competition the categories changed or were altered slightly. For example, the music category occasionally included a choral competition, most of the time not. In the case of my grandmother's cousin he competed in the music category, but since it was during the Great Depression and travel was quite expensive, apparently there did not have to be a musical performance - he just had to send in his musical composition. From what I understand from family members, he was an excellent piano player and had a desire to be a professional musician.

Those plans were squashed by his mother who urged another profession. He studied law at the University of Havana, where he was the recipient of a prestigious award as well as taking International law courses in The Hague, gaining a doctoral degree in International Law and becoming a lawyer at the League of Nations settling international disputes such as the Leticia Incident between Peru and Colombia. Because of his diplomatic work and credentials at some point before 1932 he gained Swiss citizenship - he competed in the 1932 summer Olympics for Switzerland.

After the 1948 Olympics the arts category was eliminated as those who competed in these categories were considered professionals and the athletes were viewed as amateurs. Starting with the 1956 Olympics an Olympic cultural program has taken their place.

Interestingly, all three medals (gold, silver, bronze) were not necessarily awarded at each of the Olympics that these categories were present for competition. These competitions took place at seven Olympics, 23 nations won medals in these categories- the U.S., Canada, Japan, and the other 20 were all European nations. Of the 147 total medals issued in these "Arts"

categories, 45 were gold, 53 were silver, and 49 were bronze.

Initially, starting in 1896 at the Athens games, winners were crowned with an olive wreath and awarded a silver medal attached to a colored ribbon with a pin to fix it to the athlete's chest. Starting in 1903 at the St. Louis games, gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded for first, second, and third place. Starting at the 1960 Rome games, medals were designed to be placed around the recipient's necks - a laurel leaf chain design on that occasion and subsequently a colored ribbon has been used. Since the start of the modern Olympics, medals for summer and winter games have had a different design appearance within some guidelines and certain standards that are altered or modernized periodically.

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