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November 2024 Events

November 3

Gold Coast Coin, Stamp & Collectible Show
24th & Taylor St., Hollywood, FL

November 10

Melbourne Coin - Stamp & Collectible Show
Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne

November 13

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM
Program by Gregg Wagner

November 17

Ft. Lauderdale Coin and Stamp Show
Volunteer Park Community Center, Plantation

November 24

PBCC Coin Show
American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Rd., Greenacres

November 27

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM
Program by Gregg Wagner

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Presidents Message

Club membership surpassed last year's total, and we stand at 298 paid members. We should go over 300 again before the year end.

The Wednesday, October 9th meeting was cancelled due to hurricane Milton. The estate auction was moved to October 23rd. We had a Board meeting and everyone currently in office is willing to run again for 2025, if nominated.

Nomination of officers and board is Wednesday, November 13th. The election is two weeks later on November 27th. The auction is open to club members at both meetings in November. Gregg Wagner will have programs for both meetings. The club will have a table at the *Gem & Mineral Show* November 23-24. Our coin show is the 24th.

Wednesday, December 11th is our **Potluck Dinner and White Elephant Sale**. The club supplies meat & drinks, club members bring a covered dish. Club members are asked to bring a white elephant item for the donation auction. Our coin show is December 22nd.

Time is running short for the Club Bus Trip to FUN on Friday, January 10th. It is \$40 per person. See Tony. We continue to lose hundreds of dollars on the bus trip due to lack of riders. We may cancel all bus trips in the future if ridership does not pick up. We need 35 to break even. We need 20 to get money from FUN. We have just 13.

Tony

Loose Change

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I thought this would be appropriate on several fronts these last months.

Since this is "the season" in our area, there is a lot going on. If you are going to the *Gem and*

Mineral Show at the Fairground, on November 23 and 24, stop by and say hello to the club members manning the club table. We have done this for many years now and it is always interesting to interact with the public on behalf of our club. On November 2 is Lagoonfest on the West Palm Beach waterfront. 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Nothing to do with numismatics, but a free, interesting way to spend the morning.

Our own Eric Brothers has been writing articles for years and his topics are well researched and on many diverse numismatic topics. He has two new articles out, one in *FUN Topics* and one in *Numismatic News*. In *FUN Topics*, he writes about **Henry Linderman, Father of the U.S. Trade Dollar**. In *Numismatic News* of September, his article is, **Coins of 1955**, Why were the mintages so low. Check them out and well done, Eric.

One of the first columns I wrote dealt with Paul Gelman's adorable puppy Lexi, who chewed Pauls' socks to smithereens. Well, Lexi is getting a companion named Candy. If Lexi teaches Candy how tasty Pauls' socks are, he may never have another complete pair again.

Has anyone seen the new facebook group? It is called the *Coin Channel* and Eric Sander is the host. He tells about error coins to look for in coin rolls. Extremely interesting for those who love to look through rolls.

With all the push to get rid of our cash, those most affected by the recent hurricane could not use their debit cards. Cash is still king.

Remember to get your bus trip reservation in to Tony. For our new members who may not know, the club charters a bus to go to the Florida United Numismatist (aka F.U.N. show) in Orlando. The bus leaves from Jog Road just north of Summit on Friday, January 10 at 7 A.M. We arrive at the convention hall about 10 a.m. and spend all day at the show. Looking, buying, enjoying the educational exhibits, or hearing one of the lectures being given that day. We board the bus at 5 and you can relax on the way back home. If you have never been to a FUN show, it is worth playing hooky, (if you still work), just to go. Hundreds of dealers to choose from.

Check with Tony for the price for the ride. I think \$40 and well worth it.

Since our November newsletter is the final one for the year, I am wishing all of you a healthy and happy holiday season and a wonderful new year.

Denny's Minutia's Coins Book Grading (New & Used)

by Denny Thostenson

In my many years of collecting coins, I have had the pleasure of meeting many, many knowledgeable people. Almost every one of these people derived pleasure from sharing their knowledge with others.

Numismatics is a very cerebral hobby. The more you know, the more you learn that there is so much that you don't know. Perhaps the best way to learn about our multifaceted hobby is to acquire books.

I've encouraged fellow collectors to obtain what I genuinely feel is the most informative books on coins... it' titled **A Guide Book of United States Coins** or in the hobby, we refer to it as the *Red Book*. It's been published almost every year since the first edition in 1947. The 2025 *Red Book* is the 78th edition. You can own your own copy every year

for under \$30 and they can be purchased at every coin show you attend.

What I've found in my years of collecting is that every single knowledgeable person I meet, has an impressive library of books on many topics. I would be hard pressed to name a series that doesn't have a book written on it.

One way of building a library of coin books is to purchase used books. Your coin club may offer used books in their auctions.

Books are graded much like coins are graded. The better shape a book is in, the more it can sell for.

These are the most common grades used in grading books:

AS NEW- This book is in the same immaculate condition as when it was published.

FINE- A fine book approaches the condition as New, but without being crisp. The book may have been opened and read, there are no defects.

VERY GOOD- Describes a book that shows **SMALL** signs of wear, **BUT NO TEARS** on the pages or binding.

GOOD- A book graded Good describes the average used worn that has all of the pages present. Defects should be acknowledged.

FAIR- Describes a book that has complete pages but may lack endpapers. Binding or jacket may be also worn. Again, defects should be noted.

There are many more grades but for the purpose of our topic, these are the most prevalent.

I have been collecting early *Red Books* for decades. It's an interesting challenge but an aspect that does not break the bank when you find an edition you need.

It's also fun to collect previous editions of speciality books (ie. Large Cent varieties, Bust Half Dollar varieties or Silver Dollar varieties (VAM'S)).

For many years, I have been going online to look for rare books. I prefer Abe Used Books or Amazon books.

Many times, when I do find the book I'm searching for, there are several vendors to choose from with competitive prices and grades.

There has been an old adage that's been around our hobby for longer than I have been a collector, that rings true.

"BUY THE BOOK BEFORE THE COIN".

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