

NORTHEAST TARRANT COIN CLUB

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The coin club meeting is at 7PM the second Thursday of each month at: The Mission Church, 3224 Cheek Sparger Rd., Bedford, Texas 76021

Our next NETCC monthly meeting will be held September 12th at 7:00PM. Please join us for some of the exciting opportunities below.

September Show and Tell

The Club will conduct its annual Show and Tell program at the September meeting. At prior year programs, members have been treated to many unusual and fascinating displays.



While some of the displays have been quite rare, the items garnering the most interest seem to be those telling a story or centered on a little-known topic in numismatics.



Based on a show of hands at the August meeting, it is expected that there will be a cornucopia of items displayed. Presentations will likely be broken into

two groups. Therefore, while we will have lots of displays, we will have room for yours.

Make plans to bring a sample of your collecting interest and be a part of this special night. Your display need not be expensive or rare — simply something that interests you.



Collectors Forum

A group of collectors normally meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the North Richland Hills Library at 7:00 pm. This is a casual meeting with no specific format, but with a topic for each meeting (suggestions are welcome) and the conversation is allowed to flow freely.

This meeting is open to anyone interested, and is not associated with NETCC. There are no dues, no membership rolls, just fun. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24th.

Grading Seminar

Carl Stang and Richard Wallace will again be conducting a grading seminar on September 14. Class is limited to the first 25 to sign up, so don't tarry! Cost will be \$15, which will cover of



breakfast items, lunch and refreshments.

Summer Seminars

NETCC will again be hosting an educational program in conjunction with the September Texas Coin Show. The program will be held on Saturday, September 28th at the Grapevine Convention Center.



Lineup for the three seminars are:

- 11:00 Alan Scott, "US Half Dollar Type"
- 12:30 Sam Fairchild, "James Longacre His Legacy and Works"
- 1:30 Mike Ross, "Cathedral Medals by Jacques Weiner"

Make your plans to attend one or more of these interesting and informative sessions.

2019 Membership Dues

2019 Membership dues are \$15.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Juniors, and are a major support for club activities. Membership not only qualifies you for the monthly progressive door prize, but should also give you a discounted meal at the 2019 Christmas party.

Jim Jeska will be taking 2019 dues at this meeting.

Christmas Party

Talking about Christmas this early? Yes! Because of the success of the April donation auction, we will again be able to offer the meal FREE to all members and youth, with a \$5 fee for adult non-members. We will again have catered barbeque and fixin's, with volunteer members bringing desserts and additional side dishes. And, of course there will be Bingo – with the varied and exciting games with multiple winners.

It's early, but mark your calendars and plan to attend.

State Quarters

During the heady days of coin collecting in the 1950's, any kid could find type examples of 20th century coins from circulating coinage, and with a bit of luck, even find a rare date. However, the dollar and half dollar dropped from use, and the circulating cent through quarter designs remained unchanged after 1959. Therefore, collectors of the 1990's could no longer pluck multiple type coins from pocket change, which caused young collectors to lose interest.

The 50 State Quarters Program was started in 1999 to support a new generation of coin collectors. These

quarters were released by the Mint every ten weeks, or five each year. They were released in the same order that the states ratified the Constitution or were admitted to the Union. A new enhanced portrait of Washington was to grace the obverse.



Despite the support of the director of the Mint and the treasury secretary-appointed CCCAC, the Treasury Department opposed the 50 States Quarters Program, as commemorative coinage had come to be identified with abuses and excesses. Nonetheless, Congressional approval was promptly obtained.

Each guarter's reverse commemorated one of the 50 states with a design emblematic of its unique history, traditions and symbols. Certain design elements, such as state flags, images of living persons, and head-andshoulder images of deceased persons were prohibited. Each state was given a substantial role and considerable discretion in determining the design that would represent their state. Most states followed a process by which the governor solicited the state's citizens to submit design concepts and appointed an advisory group to oversee the process. Governors submitted three to five finalist design concepts to the secretary of treasury for approval. Approved designs were returned to the states for selection of a final design. The media and public attention surrounding this process and the release of each state's quarter was intense and produced significant publicity for the program.

Interest in the program was further enhanced by oddities in many of the designs. For example, the Georgia quarter accidently left out Dade County in the northwest corner of the state (rumor implies it was done intentionally as this county had seceded from Georgia in 1860). Several states displayed objects that no longer exist – Charter Oak in Connecticut and the Old Man in the Mountain in New Hampshire.

A number of the Wisconsin quarters featured a small mint error: the ear of corn features an extra leaf. Some of the affected coins feature a "low leaf", others feature a "high leaf". All of these "error coins" were minted at

the Denver mint. It is unclear whether the error was deliberate or accidental, but the error generated considerable initial interest.

Although the statehood program was, by legislation, originally intended to include only the 50 states, the program was extended to include the 2009 District of Columbia and US Territories Program. Another extension brought the 10-year



America The Beautiful series through at least 2021. Once the America the Beautiful Quarters Program ends in 2021, the obverse of the quarter will revert to the original Flanagan design used from 1932 until the start of the 50 State Quarter Program. However, the reverse will be redesigned to feature General Washington crossing the Delaware River, the same theme that was used on the 1999 New Jersey quarter.

The 50 State Quarters Program was the most popular commemorative coin program in United States history; the United States Mint has estimated that 147 million Americans have collected state quarters and 3.5 million participated in the selection of state quarter designs.

Special Meeting Activity Calendar

September – Show and Tell Night

November – Veteran's night,

Officer/Director elections

December – Christmas party

April – Donation auction

May – Quiz Night

June – Youth Night

July – Weenie Roast

We need volunteers to give the 2020 programs. Contact Kenny Smith if you have an interest.

Upcoming Local Coin Shows

September 6-7 – Cowtown Coin Show, 8905 Clifford, White Settlement, \$3.

September 14 – Waco Fall Coin Show, Bellmead Community Center, Bellmead. \$2.

September 27-29 – Texas Coin Show, Grapevine Convention Ctr \$3 or free with NETCC membership.

October 5 – Plano Coin Show, 700 Central Parkway, Plano. Free.

August New Members: Blake Floyd.

<u>August First Time Visitors:</u> Cody & Elliott De Loach, Randle Harris.