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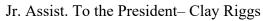
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE — November 2024

Lavar Burton

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi UNS Club Members

We had quite the confusion with the meeting place last month Our room we meet in was double booked, so they found us a smaller room to meet in. It was tight for us but we made it work.

Doug Wright, our guest specker, did a great job. Thanks, Doug, for your talk on your coin Collecting experience. We hope to have you come again to talk about some of your time with KSL.

Thanks also to Bruce Greggs for the Coin Quiz, Brian Cole for News & Views. Thanks to Sherry Gunderson and Jan Reninger for the Refreshments.

This month is Bourse night. Bring your coins you want sell or trade. It is also our Elections. Be thinking of an office that you might like in order to serve our Club Members. It is a good feeling

to be an active member.

Thanks to all

LaVar Burton President

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Meeting, November 12, 2024, 7PM

Meeting location

Columbus Center—2530 South 500 East—Salt Lake City UT

NOVEMBER ELECTION INFORMATION

Robie Cagle

November is our bi-annual elections, the following information may be helpful for members to know prior to the meeting:

ELECTION INFORMATION:

President (Elected) Shall have general supervision over all the affairs of the society To preside at meetings of the Society To call meetings of the Board of Directors and preside thereat To appoint all committees that may be necessary, and to remove them at will. To fill by temporary appointment any vacancy in any elective office until a successor is elected by the Board of Directors. To countersign all proper warrants drawn by the Secretary on the Treasurer. He may delegate the Vice President to perform all or a designated portion of this function. To require the Secretary, Treasurer, and Curator to render regular monthly reports.

Vice President (Elected) Assist the President in the fulfillment of his/her duties To act in the place of the President, in case of his absence or disability. To succeed to the position of President, in case of his death or resignation. To supervise all educational programs of the Society, and report thereon to the President.

Secretary (Elected) To keep a true record of the transactions of the Society and preserve all documents pertaining to his/her office. To act as Secretary of the Board of Directors, and to keep a true record of the transactions of its proceedings and send a copy thereof to each of its members. To prepare and sign all proper Checks/disbursements on the Treasurer, and forward them to the President or to the Vice President, when so directed by the President To receive all applications for membership; if properly prepared and accompanied by the required advance dues, to publish notice of such in the official Newsletter; forward objections to the President; publish information as to new members so admitted as well as changes in membership, resignations and deaths; and make monthly revisions of the mailing list and email list of the official Newsletter To attend to all matters relating to subscriptions to the official Newsletter by non-members and the sale of single copies thereof, which price shall be set by the Board of Directors should they deem it appropriate to do so To perform such duties in connection with the nomination and election of officers as may be required by these Bylaw's. To prepare and publish a directory of members at least once every three years.

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Curator (Elected) Procurement of items for the Buy of the Month and monthly prizes for the drawing. Procurement of prizes for our Christmas Party Responsible for placing any additional numismatic assets acquired by the club, either through purchase or donation, to the appropriate custodian for safekeeping.

Board of Directors (Elected or Appointed) Shall consist of the following - President, Out-going President, Vice President, Treasurer, Curator, Medals Chair, Editor of the Mintmaster, Secretary, and no more than six elected members at large (Board Members). The Board of Directors shall have the power to act on the affairs and business of the Society, including but not limited to; Appointment of members to fill vacancies in any elective office, except that of President. Should the President step down or no longer be able to fulfill their responsibilities, the Vice President shall become the President Decide on the time and place for hold-

ing conventions Prescribe the form of membership applications and official ballots. Rule on the admission of applicants against whom objections are made. This includes applications where there is admission of a felony conviction on the application. In such case a letter may be submitted to the board by the applicant providing details concerning that conviction. This does not necessarily preclude inclusion in the club rather, explanation of said conviction, time since such action and type of felony involved. Anyone convicted of serious offenses such as murder, rape or child molestation shall not be admitted though other felonies may be overlooked, and the application for that potential member accepted by vote of the Board of Directors. A line on the membership application shall ask this question for the protection of the body Rule on disposition of formal charges brought against a member. Fix subscription rates of the official newsletter and charges for other official publications. The Board shall have the sole right to determine the manner and form of the newsletter and how it shall be distributed to the membership. Currently that is distribution via email, members desiring paper copies be mailed them are subject to a fee appropriate to the yearly costs of doing so over and above their yearly membership dues. Fix advertising rates for space in the official magazine and rules and regulations in connection therewith Appoint an Editor of the official newsletter, The MintMaster, Assistant Editors, a Curator and Assistant curators if needed as well as an advertising Manager. If deemed advisable, more than one position may be held by the same person. Prescribe which elected and appointed officers should be bonded and fix the amounts thereof. Fix the dues of Regular Members, Junior Members and Life Members. Remove from office any elected or appointed officer who does not or cannot meet the requirements of their office. Prescribe the time and manner of publication and distribution of a directory of members. Such publication shall be available to all members and may only be used in conjunction with official business. This information may not be used to send or distribute information contrary to the information provided by the Society or its official publications, or as a means of bypassing proper procedure in cases where a disagreement, or dispute either with the Society, or a specific Member may exist. Doing so may be met with immediate dismissal from the Society. Appoint an Assistant to the Secretary, Historian and Custodian of Archives, Bourse Chair should there be a need for, or a desire for such positions A Quorum for the transaction of business meetings of the Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of seven members An affirmative vote of five members of the Board of Directors shall be required to amend the Bylaws of the Society Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order The Board of Directors has the authority to set policy for the Society The President, or four members of the Board of Directors, may call a Special Meeting of the Board at times and places determined by them. A Quorum (seven Board Members/officers) must be present at all Special Meetings and an affirmative vote of five or more members shall be required for passage of any matter. It shall be respected that all elected, Officers, Special Officers & Board members will maintain confidentiality of those matters discussed in meetings which, by their nature, shall and should remain confidential. Disclosure of matters discussed or acted upon by the Board of Directors, where the nature is confidential, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. At the discretion of the Board of Directors an outgoing President of the Society may be granted Life Membership as a thank you for their dedicated service These are the electable positions which will be coming up in November so you may want to start reviewing this, or read/study the actual Bi-laws, and determine whom you would like to nominate for a position, or if you would like to run for a position. You are not able to nominate yourself however, you may ask another member if they would like to nominate you for a position. You may want to think seriously about accepting a nomination. You do not have to accept a nomination, then again it may be something you may want to do.

A note concerning Appointed Positions; Those holding appointed positions are directly responsible to the President and may be invited to board meetings to disseminate information. Individuals who have appointed positions are not members of the board and are not able to vote when invited to attend in order to inform the board concerning their activities in that position. Their input will be greatly appreciated and taken into advisement by the board for them to make any necessary actions.

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NOVEMBER 2024 SHOWCASE AUCTION

AUCTION SCHEDULE

SESSION 1 – Numismatic Americana & Early American Coins Monday, November 18 • 9:00 AM PT • Lots 1001-1420

SESSION 2 – U.S. Coins Part 1: *Half Cents to Twenty-Cent Pieces* Tuesday, November 19 • 10:00 AM PT • Lots 2001-2199

SESSION 3 – Rarities Night

Tuesday, November 19 • 2:00 PM PT • Lots 3001-3301

SESSION 4 – The Fairmont Collection Athenee Set Wednesday, November 20 • 1:00 PM PT • Lots 4001-4312

SESSION 5 – U.S. Coins Part 2: *Quarter Dollars to End* Thursday, November 21 • 9:00 AM PT • Lots 5001-5779

SESSION 6 – Physical Cryptocurrency Friday, November 22 • 10:00 AM PT • Lots 6001-6103

SESSION 7 – U.S. Currency Friday, November 22 • 1:00 PM PT • Lots 7001-7405

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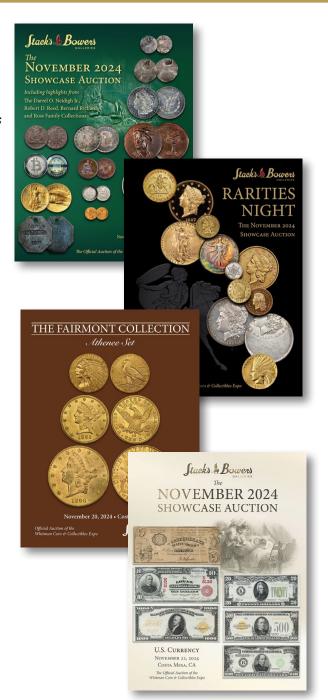
SESSION 8 – Numismatic Americana, Colonial & Early American Coins & U.S. Coins Part 1: *Half Cents & Large Cents* Friday, November 22 • 9:00 AM PT • Lots 8001-8791

SESSION 9 – U.S. Coins Part 2: *Small Cents to Trade Dollars* Monday, November 25 • 9:00 AM PT • Lots 9001-9922

SESSION 10 – U.S. Coins Part 3: *Modern Dollars to End* Tuesday, November 26 • 9:00 AM PT • Lots 10001-10706

WHITMAN EXPO LOT VIEWING:

November 12-15, 2024 • 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Room 307 • Baltimore Convention Center



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Vintage Fixed Price List Stacks Price List #50 from 1951

On the following page is a list of Large Cents offered by Stacks from their fixed price list dating from 1951. It lists virtually every date with prices of virtually every date under \$10 each. Every time I see one of these vintage price lists I dream of having a time machine. I wonder if 75 years from now our descendants will be saying the same comment about our 2024 price lists?



NEW MEMBERS / Welcome

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November Prizes

Member Prize: BU Franklin Half Dollar

On-Time Prize: 1944 BU Mercury Dime

Youth Prize: Buffalo 5c set / Westward Journey 5c

General Prizes

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- 1) 1921 Morgan
- 2) Peace Dollar
- 3) Austrian Philharmonic
- 4) Greece silver
- 5) State Commem Silver Round
- 6) State Commem Silver Round
- 7) 1960 Proof Set
- 8) 1992 White House Commem Dollar UNC
- 9) Constantius II Centenionalis
- 10) Maria Theresa Thaler
- 11) Silver Presidential Medal



Buy of the Month

We don't usually have a buy-of-the-month when it is a club bourse, but I'll see if I can find something interesting. So the item is still to be decided. You'll have to come and find out what it might be!

Thanks to Darin Lee for being our curator and making sure we have great prizes and buys for our members. !

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ON THE COVER

Shown this month are three extreme rarities.

First is the recently discovered New England Threepence. This will be auctioned by Stacks in November and will possibly garner over \$1 million. It is the only specimen available to collectors as the other known specimen is permanently housed in the Massachusetts Historical Society and the third known spedimen was stolen and never recovered from Yale decades ago.

The 1975 Roosevelt dime is one of only two known proof specimens missing the "S" mintmark and will soon appear at auction at Great Collections. It is expected to bring \$500,000 or more.

Finally the 1927 Specimen Buffalo Nickel is one of six known Specimens from this date which was supposedly struck from experimental chrome plated dies which gave it a prooflike appearance. It is graded SP-65 and will cross the auction block with Heritage later this year.

The Utah Coin Shows Website is now up and displays current and upcoming Utah coin shows

Utahcoinshows.com#

The Money Quiz

COIN QUIZ

Listed below are questions of general interest in American coins and coins of the world. How many can you correctly answer?

- 1. About 415 of these were struck. Most were sold to U.S. Congressmen at about \$6.50 per coin. The unsold coins were offered to numismatists for \$15.00 per coin. Of the 415 mintage, 15 were struck in the year indicated on the coin and the other 400 were struck the year following.
 - A. 1853 U.S. Assay Office of Gold \$10.00.
 - B. 1879 Flowing hair \$4 gold stella.
 - C. 1836 Gobrecht dollar.
 - D. 1875 gold dollar.
- 2. In 1929 Martin Coles Harman issued coins of the unusual denominations of puffin and half puffin. These were issued for circulation on the island of:
 - A. Sumatra.
 - B. Bermuda.
 - C. Lundy.
 - D. Madagascar.
- 3. This mint engraver produced an illustrious series of patterns in the latter part of the 19th century. He is known to most numismatists as the designer of the 1861 double eagles with tall letters in the reverse legends.
 - A. Anthony C. Paquet.
 - B. Leonard C. Wyon.
 - C. William Barber.
 - D. H. K. Sandell.
- 4. Although this coin was not struck at an official government mint, it has semi-official status as it was produced on a government contract basis by private citizen James Jarvis.
 - A. 1848 pattern English florin.
 - B. 1795 U.S. "Jefferson head"
 - C. 1776 Continental dollar.
 - D. 1787 Fugio cent.



- 5. It was not until the 1908 Ottawa coinage that Canada minted its own coins. Previous to that coinage had been carried on at Ralph Heaton and Sons, the Mint, Birmingham, Ltd. and:
 - A. The Royal Mint, London.
 - B. The U.S. Mint; Philadelphia, Penna.
 - C. Scovill Mfg. Co. Waterbury, Connecticut.
 - D. Ludwig Hupfeld, A.G., Leipzig.
- 6. The scarcity of U.S. half eagles circa 1819 to 1834, despite relative-

ly high mintage figures, is explained by the fact that:

- A. The mintage figures are inaccurate and refer to coins bearing earlier dates.
- B. The intrinsic value of the \$5.00 gold piece was higher than the face value, thus large quantities were melted.
- C. Most half eagles of this era were shipped to Europe in payment of international loans.
- D. The mintage figures pertain to quarter eagles and not to half eagles.
- 7. The gold coin issues of merchant Julius Popper circulated in:
 - A. British Columbia.
 - B. Windward Islands.
 - C. California.
 - D. Tierra del Fuego.
- 8. 5,000 specimens were reported to have been coined, but no specimens are known today of the:
 - A. 1873-S 50¢ without arrows.
 - B. 1873 silver dollar.
 - C. 1839-O quarter.
 - D. 1859 Canadian 20¢.

- 9. The 1916-D half dollar, 1838-O half dollar and 1839-D quarter eagle have what feature in common?
- A. All have the mintmark on the obverse.
- B. Several specimen proof strikings are known of each.
- C. Each has a mintage of fewer than 1,000,000 pieces.
- D. All have the Liberty head design.
- 10. 1938 Jefferson nickels were saved by the public at the time of issue, due in part to a rumor that:
 - A. President Roosevelt disapproved of the design, and the Jefferson type would bediscontinued.
 - B. The flagpole was omitted in error from Monticello, and ones without the pole would be rare.
 - C. Fewer than 1,000,000 were to be minted.
 - D. The Jefferson design was a commemorative issue, and coinage of the buffalo type would be resumed.

This quiz was taken from the "Empire Review" Issue #19 dated April-May 1964

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BOOK REVIEW

GOLD COINS OF THE DAHLONEGA MINT 1838-1861

By Douglas Winter

This is the latest book about gold from Douglas A. Winter regarding coinage from the Dahlonega mint. This book contains virtually everything one needs to know about these rare gold coins from this southern mint.

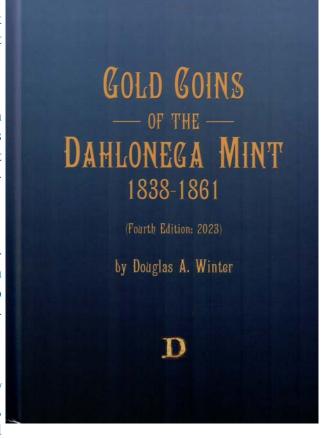
It begins with a brief history of the mint and follows with recommendations about how to collect Dahlonega gold as well as documentation on several famous collections, past and present, also a discussion about some of the most famous and rare coins.

Following these introductions begins a coin by coin description each with beautiful high-res mages of each coin and its varieties. Most coins have 3 to 5 pages devoted to each of them. Contained in their descriptions are the following topics.

Mintage / Ranking / Strike / Surfaces / Luster / Coloration / Eye Appeal & Varieties. Also significant pieces known, essentially a condition rarity list, auction records and total

known by grade. Finally is a paragraph about each coin from Douglas Winter's years of experience with these coins.

The book is 8 1/2 x 11 hardcover with 278 pages and I purchased my copy directly from the author for \$125. A very interesting book even if you don't collect southern gold.





UNITED STATES NOTES / SMALL SIZE—RED SEAL

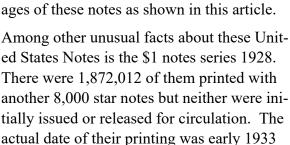
Douglas Nyholm

I recently purchased a series 1966 \$100 red seal United States Note. I have always been facisnated by these type of notes and remember as a child my mother spending one of these. This piqued my interest in other small size United States Notes. Today we only have Federal Reserve Notes in circulation but in the not too distant past there were these United States Notes, Silver Certificates, and even National Currency banknotes. United States Notes, also known as Legal Tender Notes or Greenbacks were first authorized by Congress on February 25th, 1862. This act mandated that \$346 million in United States Notes be maintained in circulation. When the \$2's and \$5's were withdrawn in the 1960's the \$100 denomination was printed to maintain the stipulation of notes in circulation according to this Congressional Act. Then when the \$100 notes were



discontinued in 1971 and withdrawn there was no additional legislation or Congressional Act authorizing their discontinuance, they just disappeared from our currency leaving only Federal Reserve Notes remaining.

The large size notes were printed in denominations ranging from \$1 to \$10,000. The small size USN's were printed only in \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$100 denominations however there were \$10 and \$20 denominations proposed and even plates and specimens of these two denominations were created and printed. These 1928 specimen notes were actually displayed at the Chicago Century of Progress Exposition in 1933-1934. I could find nothing further regarding these Specimen notes spending significant time scouring the internet but later found a book in my library entitled "U.S. Essay, Proof and Specimen Notes" by Gene Hessler which had im-





after which time they were stored in government vaults until 1949 when they were released for circulation in Puerto Rico.









The \$2 United States Notes remained current until July of 1965, and the \$5 until November 1967. The last USN Red Seal note was the \$100 series 1966 which remained current only until 1971. Many \$100 notes were never released and those that entered circulation were removed from circulation rapidly. Finally after petitions from collectors to the Treasury Department to sell the remaining notes in the 1990's the Treasury Department made the decision to destroy the remaining notes in their vaults in 1996.

The interesting saga of the \$1 and \$100 denominations did not carry over to the \$2,s and \$5,s. Each of these denominations were issued in several series and each with two different face designs. Also both, under the 1963 series, had "In God We Trust" added to the back.

Two's were issued with series 1928, 1953 and 1963 as were the five's. Interestingly many circulated 2's show one or more of the corners torn off. This was due to a superstition regarding luck. Supposidly tearing off a corner was supposed to either bring you luck or inhibit bad luck. As far as the 5's there is no story other than it was just a circulating note.

There are no great rarities within the small United States Notes however the 1's and hundreds can be a bit pricy. Also several notes can be quite scarce and epensive in choice or gem uncirculated condition.

Red Seal United States Notes can be an interesting collection to form with a basic set consisting of only six notes. It is definitely a series with an interesting history and several unusual stories.



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Shown above are specimens of the proposed \$10 and \$20 notes which were never issued. Both are missing the third printing which would have included the Seal and Serial Numbers. My research indicated that possibly a complete specimen of each may be unique and in collectors hands but nothing more is known about their whereabouts.

Also, a special thanks to Mike Abramson and his book "Special Serial Numbered Banknotes" For the images shown in this article.





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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

UNS ELECTION

This month is our bi-annual election of our Utah Numismatic Societies club officers. Our club cannot function without members volunteering for various positions. Yes, it will take some time and effort but not overwhelming. It can be a very rewarding experience to serve. For the most part all you have to do is show up consistently and possibly make a few phone calls each month. And no, your don't have to be an expert on everything numismatic as each position will have plenty of members, board members and past officers to help.

I know that every one of our members that attend our monthly meetings thourughly enjoys the members, commaraderis and visiting and talking about coins, currency, medals and whatever else that you are interested in.

So, once again, I urge anyone who may be the least bit interested in serving our club to throw your hat into the ring and help keep alive the tradition of excellence f our wonderful club that has been in existence since 1951. You will be appreciated and remembered in the history of the UNS

I will see you at our November meeting and hopefully place my vote for a new face(s) to lead our club.

Sincerely

Doug Nyholm





King of the Mules: \$5 Late-Use Backplate 629

By: Jeremy Dansie (with contributions from Jamie Yakes)

In the October 2024 issue of The Mint Master (volume 72, issue 10), I wrote an article on arguably the most well-known and popular U.S. small-size varieties: Mules. Most of the article focused on \$5 micro-macro mules and Late-Finished Backplate 637 mules but didn't mention the King of the Mules — those with Late-Use Backplate 629. *Please see the previously mentioned article for more information on mules if desired.*

Five-dollar micro late-use backplate 629 mules are often incorrectly grouped with late-finished micro backplate 637 mules, but they are very different in every aspect, aside from only being eight numbers apart.





\$5 backplate 629 was finished in normal fashion on December 29, 1933, as one of the last old-gauge \$5 backs made by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP). "Gauge" refers to the width of the gutter between each column of subjects (back designs) on a printing plate. From the onset of small-size production in 1928, plates had narrow gutters, and the cramped space caused high spoilage rates during sheet printing. The BEP began increasing gauges of small-size plates starting with \$1 faces in July 1934. The wider gutters on new gauge plates gave plate printers more tolerance when mating printed backs onto face plates.

All \$5 backplates were new gauge, starting with backplate 630, which was certified on January 31, 1935. The BEP typically rushed new gauge plates to press and earmarked unused old gauge plates for cancelation. \$5 backplates 575–628 met that fate, but 629 was saved as a model of the former design. It had never been sent to press.

Beginning in 1938, the BEP started salvaging master plates for conversion into production plates. These salvaged plates, also known as late-finished plates, included varieties such as \$1 backplate 470 and \$5 backplate 637, among others. To finish them as production plates, plate technicians etched plate serial numbers into each of the twelve subjects on the plates, certified them, and sent them to the plate vault for eventual use. Because of when they were finished, salvaged plates carried plate serials that were out of sequence with contemporary plates and, in some cases, etched in the micro style that was current when the plates were produced. The image below is the printing proof of \$5 backplate 629, courtesy of Jamie Yakes.



Backplate 629, though, was not a true salvaged plate. All other salvaged plates were new gauge plates, and because backplate 629 wasn't, it means it was used by mistake. In fact, a BEP employee had penned in large letters, "Do Not Send To Press" at the top of the plate ledger page for the plate. Regardless, backplate 629, known as a Late-Use plate, went to press for one short press run from November 17, 1947, until February 2, 1948, fourteen years after it was certified. Its short production run shows someone quickly realized it was an old-gauge plate and promptly removed it from service. It was canceled on February 17, 1948.

Due to \$5 backplate 629's minimal time at press, just two and a half months, mules with backplate 629 can only be found on the Series of 1928E \$5 Legal Tender (United States Notes), Series of 1934C \$5 Silver Certificates, and Series of 1934C \$5 Federal Reserve Notes (FRNs), all having the Julian-Synder signature combination. In contrast, \$5 late-finished backplate 637 was sent to press 13 times over four years (June 1945 to June 1949) and was mated with front plates from ten different types and series, including Series of 1928C-1928E \$5 Legal Tender, Series of 1934A-1934C \$5 Silver Certificates, and Series of 1934-1934C \$5 FRNs. Thus, far fewer \$5 mules with late-use backplate 629 were printed compared to \$5 mules with late-finished backplate 637 and appropriately far less survived for collectors to enjoy.

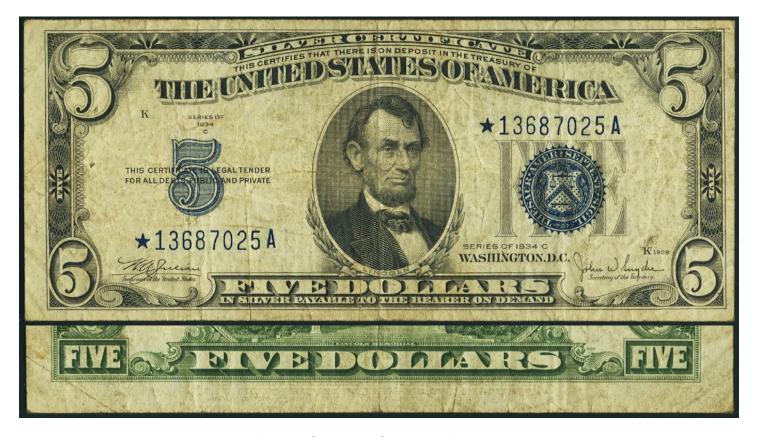
For collectors seeking \$5 mules with backplate 629, they can be highly challenging to find. As of the time of writing, only 50 \$5 mules with backplate 629 are listed on the Paper Money Project census across all three types of notes. No backplate 629 mules have been available on eBay for at least six months. Since the beginning of 2022, Heritage Auctions has only auctioned two backplate 629 mules, both Series of 1934C \$5 Silver Certificates, and Stack's Bowers hasn't offered any.

Without question, backplate 629 mules are most often encountered on Series of 1934C \$5 Silver Certificates but are very scarce. They make up 72% (36) of all backplate 629 mules listed on the Paper Money Project census. Of the 36 serials on the census, only 23 have surfaced at public auction or eBay since 1999. They are only found with serial numbers in the M-A and N-A blocks and, as of the time of writing, have only been observed in a range of less than 9,000,000 serials—M98327736A to N07052188A.

In the last 25 years, Heritage Auctions has only offered 16 backplate 629 mules (over 22 auctions), Lyn Knight Auctions has only offered three, and Stack's Bowers has yet to offer one. Hammer prices (selling prices), including Buyer's Premium, at Heritage Auctions have ranged from \$94 for a raw VG-Fine range example with stains in October 2012 to \$2,640 for an example in a PMG 64EPQ holder in September 2023.



One backplate 629 mule Star (replacement) note is known to exist, a Series of 1934C Silver Certificate. Heritage Auctions sold it twice in a PMG VF-25 holder with a comment for "Pinholes," first in April 2015 for \$7,050 and then again in January 2023 for \$6,000.



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The following chart shows the current census count for \$5 Silver Certificates mules with backplate 629 compared to those with backplate 637. More information can be found on the Paper Money Project website (see links at the end of the article).

Mule BP 629 vs 637		Blocks				Total			
Series & Variety	J-A	K-A	L-A	M-A	N-A	P-A	Q-A	*-A	Total
1934A LFBP #637 Mules		31	14					1	46
1934B LFBP #637 Mules		18	107					7	132
1934C LFBP #637 Mules; Wide Face			28	84	76	61		11	260
1934C LFBP #637 Mules; Narrow Face				0	18	3		1	22
1934C BP #629 Mules; Wide Face				2	33			1	36
Total LFBP #637 Mules		49	149	84	94	64		20	460

The Series of 1934C \$5 Federal Reserve Note (FRN) mules with backplate 629 are excessively rare, and all are considered trophies to those fortunate enough to own one. The Paper Money Project census only has nine examples listed, with four from the Chicago district (all from the G-B block), three from New York (all from the B-C block), and one each from the Philadelphia (C-A block) and Cleveland (D-A block) districts.

In the last 25 years, only three examples have surfaced at public auction through four auction listings, two coming from Randy Vogel's incredible "Laguna Coast Collection". Hammer prices have ranged from \$881 for a New York district example in a PCGS Currency VF-25 holder at Heritage Auctions in April 2014 to \$2,640 for the same note, then in a PMG VF-30EPQ holder at Stack's Bowers in November 2021 (shown below). No backplate 629 Star (replacement) FRNs are known to exist, but they are possible.



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The following chart shows the current census count for \$5 FRN mules with backplate 629, broken down into districts, compared to those with backplate 637. More information can be found on the Paper Money Project website (see links at the end of the article).

Mule BP 629 vs 637	Total E	3P #629	Total B	P #637
District	Mule Mule Star		NM/Mule	Mule Star
Boston	0	0	3	0
New York	3	0	15	0
Philadelphia	1	0	11	0
Cleveland	1	0	21	0
Richmond	0	0	3	0
Atlanta	0	0	0	0
Chicago	4	0	21	2
St. Louis	0	0	9	0
Minneapolis	0	0	4	0
Kansas City	0	0	11	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	5	1
Total	9	0	103	3

The Series of 1928E \$5 Legal Tender (United States) mules with backplate 629 are the rarest, with only five examples currently listed on the Paper Money Project census. All known backplate 629 mules are from the H-A block and have only been observed in a range of just over 3,000,000 serials—H09204499A to H12294905A.

In the last 25 years, only two examples have surfaced at public auction, neither of which have been sold a second time. One example was a PMG Fine-12 holder sold at Heritage Auctions for \$1,020 in January 2021 (shown below). The other example is half of a Changeover Pair (COP)—two consecutive serial numbered notes where a variety change occurs (in this case, one is a regular non-Mule, the other is a Mule). The lot included three consecutive notes (one was a backplate 629 mule), all in PMG Gem-65EPQ holders, and was sold for \$11,100 by Heritage Auctions in January 2020. No backplate 629 Star (replacement) Legal Tender notes are known to exist, but they are possible.



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The following chart shows the current census count for \$5 Legal Tender mules with backplate 629 compared to those with backplate 637. More information can be found on the Paper Money Project website (see links at the end of the article).

Mule BP 629 vs 637	Blocks				Total	
Series & Variety	E-A	F-A	G-A	H-A	*-A	Total
1928C LFBP #637 Mules			24		1	25
1928D LFBP #637 Mules			30		0	30
1928E LFBP #637 Mules			21	35	2	58
1928E BP #629 Mules				5	0	5
Total 1928x LFBP #637 Mules			75	35	3	113

U.S. small-size collectors eagerly seek \$5 backplate 629 mules, regardless of type. All Legal Tender and FRN mules with backplate 629 are considered trophies, as are higher-grade Silver Certificates and those with problem-free original paper quality. Except for big-name, well-known collections being sold at public auction, usually when the collector passes away, very few backplate 629 mules have made multiple appearances in the last 25 years. They tend to be tightly held by those who can acquire them.

While \$5 mules with late-finished backplate 637 may be the most popular and well-known, those with late-use backplate 629 are indeed the King of the Mules!

Collectors are encouraged to report any \$5 backplate 629 mules not listed on the Paper Money Project census: www.papermoneyproject.com/report

More information on backplate 629 Mules, current census counts and comparisons, and census reports can also be found on the Paper Money Project website:

1928E \$5 Legal Tender: https://www.papermoneyproject.com/5-legal-tender-629-mules

1934C \$5 Silver Certificates: https://www.papermoneyproject.com/5-silver-certs-629-mules

1934C \$5 Federal Reserve Notes: https://www.papermoneyproject.com/5-frn-629-mules

PRELIMINARY CHRISTMAS DINNER PROGRAM AND DETAILS

DATE: Tuesday December 10th

TIME: 6PM

LOCATION: Columbus Community Center / Auditorium

COST: \$14 Per Person

- Please RSVP to Tom Davis or LaVar Burton as soon as you know if you will be attending. This greatly helps us in planning the dinner.
- At the November meeting you can pay Tom Davis and also at that time please let him know how many in your group plan to attend. If possible please pay at our next meeting but we will accept payment at the door at the Christmas dinner.
- The dinner will be catered by Jan Nyholm and the theme will be Mexican food / Feliz Navidad / Actual menu to be finalized but she is planning plenty of food.
- The UNS will supply bottled water and plates, everything else supplied by Jan Nyholm..
- We are tentatively planning for 10 round tables each seating 8 people with centerpieces supplied. By Larry Neilsen.



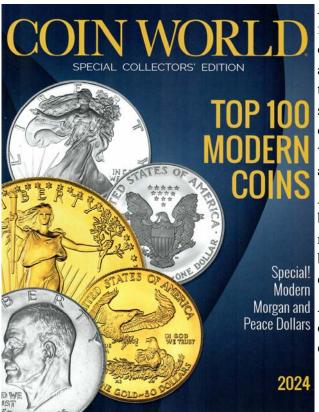


DO YOU COLLECT MODERN "RARE" COINS?

Doug Nyholm

Earlier this year I received the pictured supplement shown below as part of my Coin World subscription. I generally do not collect modern coins but flipping through this magazine I came to realize that there actually are modern coins which can truly be considered rare. The magazine laid out each coin with a brief write-up, description of the coin itself, and mintage figures. There is a chart with the Coin World trends values of each coin through the years showing how the value has increased, or decreased. Also listed was the number certified by both PCGS and NGC. This was important as most modern coins are collected in very high grades and certified, especially by collectors who are hoping for their investment to increase in value. Also important is the fact that many modern collectors are interested in Registry Sets by either of these grading services and the associated bragging rights. As you have also read occasionally a ultra grade, generally at least MS or PF 69 or 70 modern or somewhat common coins realizes an astronomical sum at auction.

Anyway, to get back to the coins listed in this magazine I first selected coins which have a mintage of under 10,000 pieces. By todays standards this is a miniscule number of coins compared to the millions, or billions which are minted for collectors for general circulation. Are these small mintage coins really rare? Technically, yes, when compared to the millions of collectors, but rarity is a relative term. If there is 100 of something but only a dozen collectors are interested in them it may be rare but the value will definitely indicate that there is no demand or "So What."



Again, in looking at the coins listed in this magazine quite a few of them with tiny mintages are bullion, gold, platinum or even palladium. My first though is how many collectors attempt or collect sets by date and mintmark of modern fractional gold or bullion? Many of the low mintage coins, as stated, comprise bullion issues. Possibly some do and oneday a hundred years from now these coins may be very valuable, and in great demand by great collections. But again, rarity is relative.

Another aspect of modern rarities are varieties such as double dies, no "S" proof coins and others. Other than estimates few of these coins have an official mintage number but none-the-less they are included and probably much more collected today than fractional bullion by date.

Morgan and Peace Dollars Command a premium, some slight while other significant even reaching into the high 6-digits.

Following is a list of some of the rarities listed in the magazine. To begin with I will list those coins with a mintage of less than 10,000 pieces. Also shown is their current value.

2007-W 1/4 Oz Platinum Eagle with Frosted Freedom	21	\$69,300
2020-W Privy 1 Oz Proof Gold Eagle	1,939	\$24,500
1999-W 1/4 Oz BU Gold Eagle	10,000	\$7,300
2006-W 1/4 Oz Burnished Platinum Eagle	2,676	\$950
2006-W 1/2 oz Burnished Platinum Eagleq	2,577	\$1,800
2006-W 1 Oz Reverse Gold Eagle	9,9996	\$4,000
2007-W 1/4 Oz Burnished Platinum Eagle	3.690	\$875
2007-W 1/2 Oz Burnished Platinum Eagle	3,695	\$1,150
2007-W 1 Oz Burnished Platinum Eagle	4,177	\$2,500
2008-W 1/4 Oz Burnished Platinum Eagle	2,481	\$1,500
2008-W 1/2 Oz Burnished Platinum Eagle	2,253	\$3,000
2008-W 1 Oz Burnished Platinum Eagle	2,876	\$3,475
2008-W \$50 1/2 Oz Platinum Eagle Proof	2,253	\$1,500
2000-W Library Of Congress \$10 Comm. Bimetalic	7.261	\$1,790
2008-W \$10 1/4 Oz Burnishd Gold Buffalo	9,949	\$2,175
Other Modern rarities that command significant prices are in the li	st below:	(Proof-70)
1968 No S Roosevelt Dime Proof	Unknown	\$12,500
1969-S Doubleed Die Obverse Lincoln Cent	Unknown	\$42,000
1975 No S Roosevelt Dime Proof	Est. 2	\$525,000
1976 No S Bicentennial Eisenhower Dollar Proof	Est. 2	\$850,000
1995-W Proof Silver Eagle	30.125	\$70,000
2000 Sacagawea Dollar/Washington Quarter Mule	~25	\$85,000

There are many more modern coins with significant value. No S Proofs, Double dies, off metal strikes, special finishs, and others. Some amazingly are still found from time to time as our hobby still has many old and new treasures.

As you can see a large majority of the small mintages are bullion coins and special errors which can still leak out of our mints. Putting together collections or sets of these modern rarities can be a real challenge. Even if the coin has a low mintage and possibly also low collector interest if one wants to acquire a piece it most likely will be a difficult and challenging search.

So, if any of you, or other collectors are up to the challenge all I can say is good luck.



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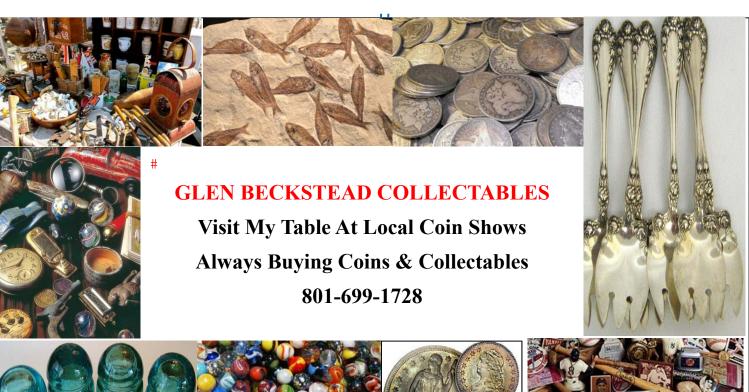
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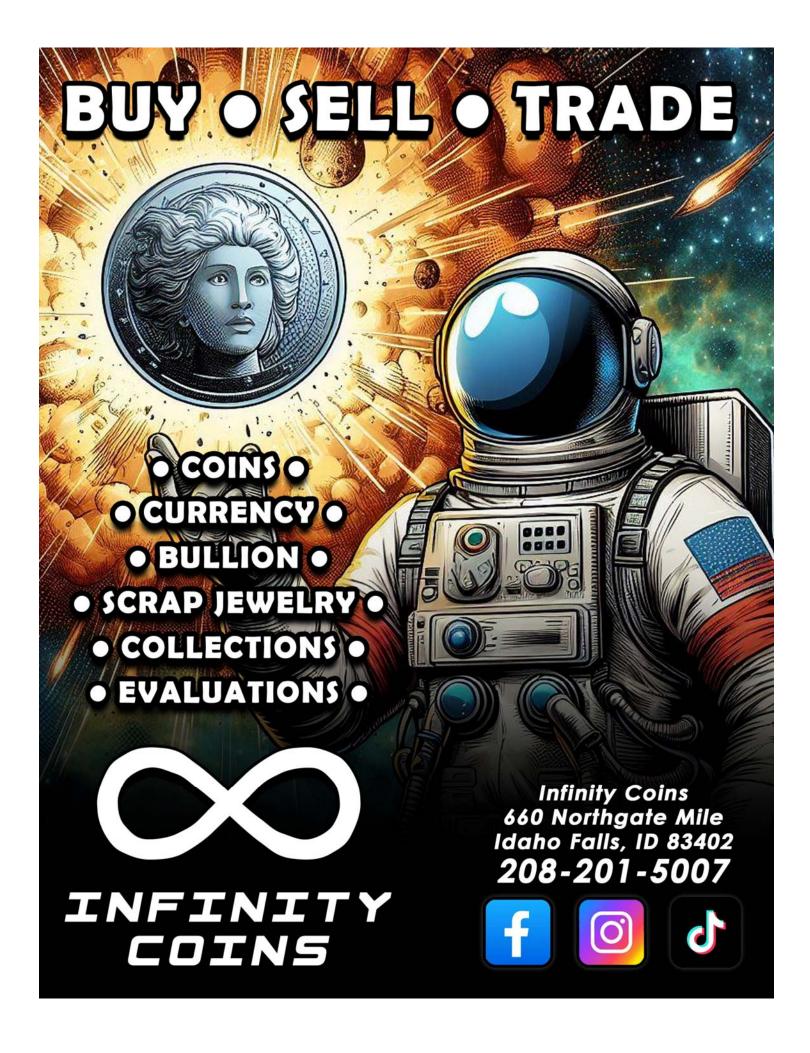


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