

COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



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Our October meeting will be held Sunday, October 13, 2019, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. in the Colorado Springs Police Department, Gold Hill Division (South West), 955 West Moreno Avenue, Community Room. Guests are welcome at all our regular meetings.

AGENDA

- I. Introduction of guests and new members
- II. Secretary's Report
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
- VI. September Exhibit Talks
- VII. Intermission Break
- VIII. Presentation of Monthly Exhibit Award
- IX. Auction
- X. Door Prizes, Membership, Volunteer Drawings & Raffle Drawing
- XI. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

George M, President, called the meeting to order.

Attendance: Thirty-five members and one guest, Dave, were present. The membership application of Robert D was unanimously approved. Welcome Robert!

The August Minutes and Secretary's Report, as contained in the September newsletter, were approved. The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: The joint Numismatic Society and Coin Club Christmas party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10 beginning at 6:00 P.M. at Golden Corral, 1970 Waynoka Rd, Colorado Springs. Moved, Seconded, Passed. We will occupy the meeting room on the northwest end of the building. That is to the left as you enter the restaurant.

There is a change to the door prize gifts this year. Bob C. explained the change that was already approved by the Coin Club Executive Committee, which is:

Instead of giving a gift to all members and non-members who attend, each MEMBER will receive a nice coin in a 2x2, plus a chance to win one of 5 nicer bonus gifts. Bonus gift will be Morgan Dollar. Only members, not non-members, will receive gifts. Two (2) gifts per family membership. ALL Young Numismatists (YNs) will a gift irrespective of membership.

Motion to approve the new gift arrangement, Seconded, Passed.

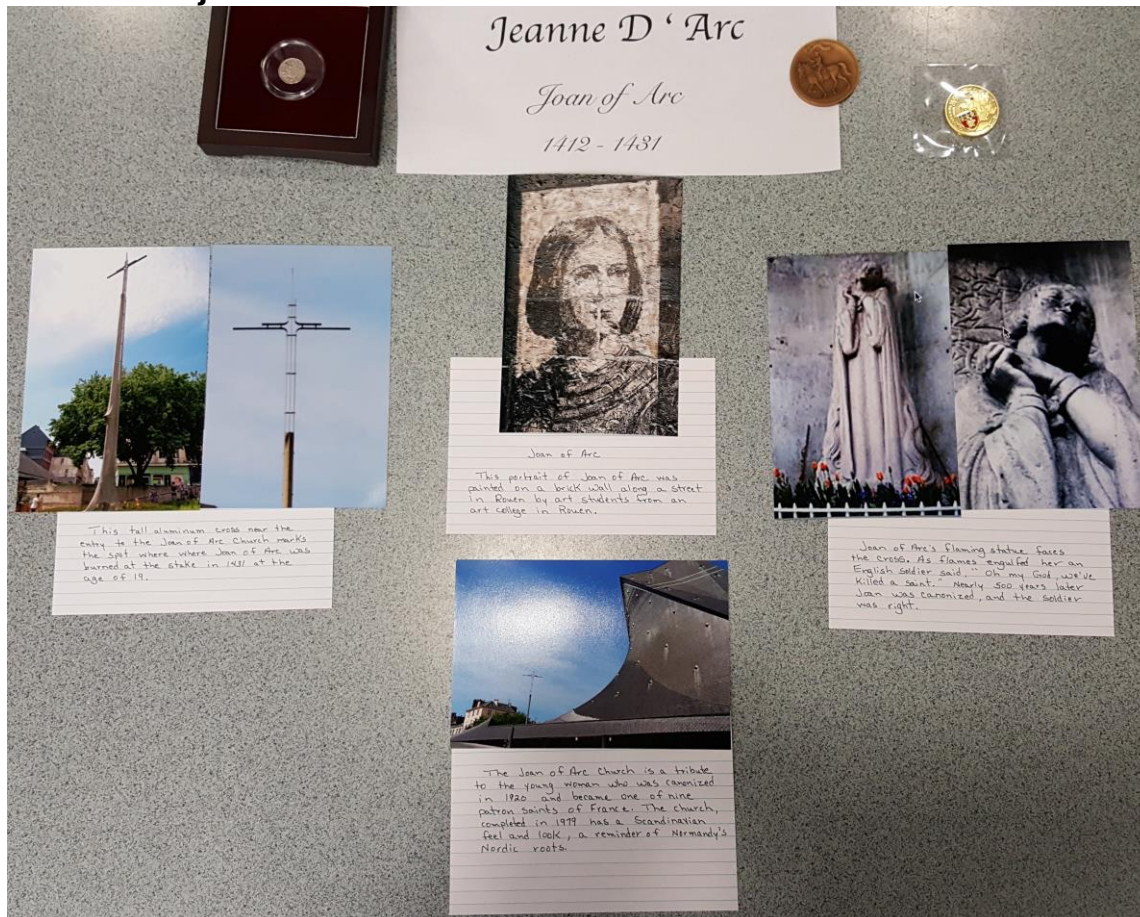
No other business.

EXHIBIT TALKS: Summary of the 5 exhibit talks:

1. Bob C – *Joan of Arc*. Bob's trip to Rouen France was the inspiration for his exhibit of St. Joan of Arc medallion, souvenir token, medal and restrike of a French silver obol. The exhibit was well illustrated with photos of Joan of Arc sites in Rouen, France, including, portrait, statue, church and cross erected where she died. Joan was born Jacque d'Arc in 1412. Through visions, beginning in 1425, she was told to support the French monarchy in driving out the English who had invaded France. She helped break the English siege of Orleans. But she was captured by English allies in 1430, tried, found guilty of heresy, and burned at the stake 3 times. Then her remains cast in the Seine River to eliminate any remains to be venerated as relics. The French later declared her trial illegal. She was canonized in 1920.
2. Larry F – *Jack Nicklaus 2005 World Bank of Scotland 5 Pound note*. The note was issued in honor of Nicklaus's final appearance at the Open at St. Andrew's golf course. The serial numbers on every one of these notes bear his initials: JWN.
3. George M – *1937 Australian Crown of George VI* – Sterling silver Crown was originally authorized commemorate Edward VIII just 2 days before Edward abdicated. The legislation was amended to honor George VI.
4. Dan U – *Short History of Brazil through coins* – Portuguese 1814 silver 400 Reis minted less than a decade before Brazil's independence; 1935 Brazil 200 Reis commemorating Luis Alves de Lima e Silva, Duke of Caxias (1803 – 1880), famous early Brazilian military officer and civilian leader; modern 2011 25 centavos with Portrait of Manuel Deodoro da Fonseca (1827-1892), first president of the federal republic; and 2007 1 Real.
5. Steve D – *1836 Reeded Edge Half Dollar* – Steve defended his statement from about a year ago, that this issue was the first US coin minted on a steam press at the US mint. He also explained the upgrade process that got him the present coin in this slot of his US type set: PCGS AU55 with green CAC sticker.

The August exhibit award goes to Bob C.

Exhibit #1, Bob C.



This was the last meeting for Terry and Robert C., who are moving out of state. In recognition of their substantial contributions to the Society over the years, they were presented with: Daniel Carr's 2012 Colorado Springs Coin Club's 50th Anniversary Medal, Daniel Carr's 2015 \$100.00 Lesher Medal, and Daniel Carr's 2016 Colorado Springs Numismatic Society's 50th Anniversary Medal. We wish you the best.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION: All 32 lots sold, which raised \$177.00 for the Society. Thanks to all who contributed and bid on the items in the auction!

2019 Colorado Springs Coin, Currency & Collectibles Show Volunteer Prize winners: Marty A, George Mi, Larry F, and Dan U

PRIZES: Door Prizes went to Dale G, David J, Dan U, Robert G, Frank T, and Dave R. Membership prize was won by Wayne W. Raffle prize winner – Gary B.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted, Dan U, Secretary

REMINISCING

At the February, 2016 NS meeting I told of 1940's and 1950's numismatists whose names many of us would recognize. Here are a couple of names mentioned.

Adolphe Menjou was an acclaimed, debonair American actor whose wonderful coin collection was sold in 1950 by legendary dealers Abe Kosoff and Abner Kreisberg. It was billed as "the most comprehensive listing of United States coinage ever offered at public auction." Although unknown to many collectors today, Menjou's name and coins "rose like thick cream on the top of fresh milk" when the PCGS Ten Most Famous U.S. Coin Rarities list was compiled. "The Menjou catalog contained five of the ten coins on our list, including an 1894-S dime and an ultra-rare 1885 Trade Dollar". The Menjou coins on the PCGS "Ultra" list are 1894-S Barber dime (PR-60); 1876-CC twenty-cent piece (MS-65); 1838-O half dollar (PR-60); 1870-S Seated Liberty dollar (VF-30); and 1885 Trade Dollar (PR-64). The collection was auctioned in 1957.

Hoagy Carmichael whose collection was Mint State-65 or Proof-65 or better, 1856 Flying Eagle cent, a 1893-S Morgan dollar and a 1918-D over date Buffalo nickel, also said to briefly own a 1794 silver dollar and the collection included "a real nice set of Indian Head cents, a full set of Buffalo nickels and quite a nice set of silver dollars and "quite a bit of gold" among the coins.

Gary Burghoff, MASH fame as Radar O'Riley collected stamps and coins. Radar was a devoted collector of both rare and valuable coins.

Buddy Ebsen, from The Beverly Hillbillies television show. Though his unforgettable acting persona was not considered very cultured, Ebsen's devotion to his collection certainly proves otherwise. He once owned a \$4 Stella and co-founded the Beverly Hills Coin Club.

Since then more computer research has turned up more modern-day numismatists.

Wayne Gretzky, called "The Great One" by his fans, and one of the best athletes in the history of professional hockey.

Andre Dawson, Chicago Cub outfielder is also a collector of note. His collection was considered one of the finest, though he recently decided to auction it off for quite a lucrative sum. Collection auctioned in 1998 for over \$6 million.

Frankie Laine, 1950's singer states in his autobiography that he collected coins.

Nicole Kidman, one of filmdom's biggest mega-stars is reputed to have a fascination for coins and also in collecting them.

Paul McCartney is not considered a qualified nor passionate numismatist, his interest is said to have its origins in the early days of the Beatles' performances on stage. When the band was 'pelted' with pennies at the close of their shows, they would scoop them all up off the stage, and so began the coin collecting career one of Britain's most honored musicians and composers.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Besides being an NBA Legend, Kareem is known for his passion for guns, gold and glory. He started collecting sport cards as a kid and expanded his interests into rare gold coins.

Joan Crawford collected boxes that were rumored to be filled with rare coins.

Kate Hudson and **Matthew McConaughey**, who got caught up in coin collecting after their 2008 movie, "Fools Gold," which was based around lost ancient Spanish coins.

James Earl Jones is an acclaimed actor known for a wide variety of movie roles, is also a numismatist. He is featured in a film documentary about coins called "Money: History in Your Hands."

Nicole Kidman is one of Hollywood's biggest mega-stars and a coin collector. She has a fascination for ancient coins and has begun collecting them.

Jack Black, Comedy acting star, admits being a numismatist with interests from U.S. issues to ancients. Jack had an 1847 piece that he was excited about.

Penny Marshall, the late, known as Laverne on Laverne & Shirley, and a noted Hollywood Director, collected coins.

John Larroquette, has also become intrigued in coin collecting. He has recently been seen at several custom coin conventions and rare coin shows.

George Mo., President