

February 1, 2022



## February YN Auction

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The February YN Auction is here! View the lots below, and jump to the [YN Auction](#) page to place a bid with your YN Dollars.

Not sure what YN Dollars are or how to earn them? Visit [How to Earn YN Dollars](#).

*Click to enlarge auction lots*



**Lot 1: 1941-D Wheat Cent, Choice Brilliant Uncirculated Red**

*No Reserve*



**Lot 2: 1926-Mo Mexico  
Five Cents, Choice  
Extremely Fine (Toned)**

***Reserve: \$40 YN Dollars***



**Lot 3: 1947-D Liberty  
Walking Half Dollar,  
NGC Very Fine 20**

***Reserve: \$50 YN Dollars***

*YNs may bid on one or all items with YN Dollars. Bids must be placed no later than February 15.  
In case of a tie, the first person to submit the winning bid will receive the lot.*



**ANA Coin Press – "Six of the World's Most  
Valuable Coins"**

Numismatics is a world in which collectors will pay millions of dollars for a single nickel or silver dollar. It may not always make much sense to those "outside our world," but hobbyists understand that these small pieces of metal are actually pieces of history that we can hold in our hands. And who knows the identities of those that held them before us? Each coin holds within it a story, and the fascinating stories behind the most expensive coins ever sold demonstrate what collectors truly value – the opportunity to become a part of that story, and to hold and preserve history.

Read "Six of the World's Most Valuable Coins"

## Earn a College Scholarship for Numismatic Involvement

Applications for the Gerome Walton Memorial College Scholarships, provided by the ANA, are being accepted through March 11. The scholarship fund provides a graduating high school senior, who is also a member of the ANA, with \$1,000 to use at the university, community college or trade school in the U.S. of the student's choice.

Scholarship



winners will be chosen based on numismatic merit and financial need. This scholarship can be used for tuition, books or supplies directly related to class requirements. Up to two scholarships may be awarded annually. Students with a full class schedule, who maintain a B average throughout their higher education, can receive the \$1,000 scholarship up to four years.

**Applications must be postmarked by March 11, 2022.** Completed applications and references should be sent to:

ANA College Scholarship Committee  
c/o Rod Gillis  
818 N. Cascade Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Walton served as the ANA's assistant treasurer from 1988 until his passing in August 2021. He was an avid numismatic author and researcher who generously contributed his expertise to the ANA. In 1978 he wrote *A History of Nebraska Banking and Paper Money*, which became the preeminent reference on the topic. His August 2020 *Numismatist* article, "The Women Behind Nebraska Bank Notes," earned the second-place ANA Catherine Sheehan Literary Award for U.S. Paper Money Studies.

For additional information, contact Rod Gillis at [gillis@money.org](mailto:gillis@money.org) or at (719) 482-9845.



## Break a Leg – The 1937-D 3-Legged Buffalo

By: Jonathan Muehleck

Of all the coins that seem to consistently engage the numismatic world, the infamous and illusive 3-legged buffalo nickel wins a gold medal. Ask any accomplished numismatist about this key date and your inquiry will likely be met with a smile and a personal story. I, along with likely many other collectors, have a unique story pertaining to this nickel. Few would have guessed that a small mistake by a rookie U.S. Mint employee would result in a staple of the error coin community almost a century later. Consequently, numerous fakes have been made of this unique rarity. Though many have tried to replicate the 1937-D error nickel, a real example is unlikely to be found in your grandfather's peanut can of old coins. Even so, many have fantasized of this subtle, yet notorious, error.

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## Mentors & Mentees

*Collectors of all ages have a role to play in growing the hobby.*

The YN Perspective from the February 2022 *Numismatist* by Kenny Sammut

Hello, everyone! My name is Kenny Sammut, and I am excited to be part of the group writing articles for "The YN Perspective." I've been collecting for over a decade and have attended the ANA Summer Seminar five times, serving several roles for the seminar's YN Benefit Auction. In 2018 I became a show dealer and opened up my numismatic eBay store (store ID *tmccann3485lea*). In 2019 I was honored to be named the ANA's YN of the Year. Presently, I am a sophomore at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. I invite you to follow me on Twitter (*@numismatist2001*) and Instagram (*@numismatistkenny*).

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I have been involved in numismatics for 13 years. I began collecting at the age of 7, and I want to share my introduction to our wonderful hobby. In thinking back on the most important factors that encouraged and fostered my passion, I realized that they can be summed up in one word: mentorship.

My first time attending a coin-club meeting, visiting a local dealer's shop, and going to a show, I was treated with kindness. It did not matter how much I knew about numismatics – the adults made me feel welcomed and wanted, simply because I showed a sincere interest and was respectful.



I encourage every young collector and an adult close to them – a parent or grandparent for example – to join a local club and a couple online forums, such as Collectors Universe and Coin Community. A local club provides an opportunity to meet a potential mentor who isn't a family member. Many clubs offer presentations each month, and

topics cover U.S. and world coins, paper currency, exnumia and more. It is a great way to find out which areas excite you and explore new ones. Plus, you can discuss your interests with members who share those same interests. Most clubs are kid-friendly so don't be shy – before you know it, not only will you look forward to attending each meeting, but other club members will be excited to see you regularly.

My area is home to several clubs, so I am fortunate to have many members who, over time, became mentors and remain so today. They treat me not as a kid but as a fellow collector. Their willingness to share their knowledge and continually encourage me has not only helped me grow as a YN but also become more confident.

The same can be said about some of my local dealers. I entered their stores and instead of seeing a young kid, they welcomed me as a collector. Their willingness to mentor me cemented a bond, and I frequent their shops whenever I can. So again, do not be shy. Visit a store and begin a conversation. Most dealers are friendly. My dad always came along and enjoyed the chats too.

At coin shows, dealers are usually very happy to speak with young collectors, especially during show times. They are sincerely excited to answer questions and have discussions. Although show dealers may not become true mentors, they are goodwill ambassadors for the hobby.

Lastly, the ANA and many of its members have been key reasons why I spend so much time collecting and learning about the many areas of numismatics. If you are

an adult collector, give an ANA membership as a present and then participate with the recipient in the many YN activities the Association offers.

When I was 13, I received an ANA Summer Seminar scholarship. By that time, I was able to demonstrate my love for the hobby. I remember like it was yesterday how much fun I had from the second I arrived on campus and began having conversations about coins. It was amazed by the number of top numismatists who attended and generously gave their time and knowledge. Since I participated in Summer Seminar for five years, I got to know a great deal of wonderful people and added a few mentors along the way, including Mr. Ken Bressett. To a young collector, meeting someone like Mr. Bressett and then to be treated so kindly by him is such a wonderful feeling.

I can speak directly to how much the ANA cares about YNs. Kids, get involved with all their activities. (Visit [money.org](http://money.org) to learn more.) Maybe one day we'll meet at a Summer Seminar and talk about the hobby. The time and money you spend on collecting is a much better investment than video games or other pastimes.

Give numismatics an opportunity to become a fun part of your life. And to all adults reading this, become mentors. If you do, more kids will join the hobby.

## Attend ANA eLearning Academy Webinars



Each month, the ANA offers online educational courses that are free and open to the collecting community. The class times listed are in MST.

**1. The Controversial Topics of Toning and Cleaning** | February 14, 2 p.m.  
with instructor Rod Gillis

2. **"Their Last Hurrah"** | February 2, 10 a.m. with instructor Bob Bair

3. **Building a Roman/Byzantine Scale & Weight Collection** | February 16, 1 p.m. with instructor Gene McPherson

4. **Lecturing About Coins and Currency on Cruise Ships: Experiences and Suggestions** | February 24, 1 p.m. with instructor Hans Liu

Register for eLearning Courses

All virtual presentations have been recorded and are accessible on our [website](#).

The ANA will award \$25 YN Dollars for participating in one of our ANA eLearning Academy presentations. This is strictly limited to **four** presentations per week (\$100 YN Dollars total per week). Please contact [sgelberd@money.org](mailto:sgelberd@money.org) with any questions.

## Own a Piece of History from the Money Museum

Join the monthly ANA Money Museum Auction on eBay, Jan. 20-27.

Collectors will have a week to review the items – all of which are duplicate, mostly low-value specimens already represented in the Money Museum collection. (No



permanent items from the collection are being sold.) **ANA members receive a 20% discount on their winning bids!** All proceeds will be used to support the Museum's educational mission.

**Money Museum auctions take place every third Thursday of the month. YN Dollars are NOT allowed to be used to purchase these deaccessioned items – YN Dollars can only be used to "purchase" items in the official ANA YN Auctions held each month.**

[View the Money Museum eBay Store](#)

## How to Earn YN Dollars

YN dollars earned by Young Numismatists can be used during monthly auctions or the annual online YN Auction, held in September each year.

There are a number of ways to earn YN dollars, including:

- Completing school projects on numismatics
- Participating in a National Coin Week project
- Attending a local ANA member coin club meeting
- Presenting talks or programs
- Serving as an officer for a local ANA member coin club or a regional ANA member organizations
- Recruiting new members for the ANA
- Publishing numismatic articles
- Attending local or regional coin show and/or displaying an exhibit
- Attending an ANA convention
- And more!

[See a list](#) of all the ways Young Numismatists can earn auction money.

## ANA YNs Receive Free CONECA Membership

[The Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America \(CONECA\)](#) is offering a free, one-year membership to ANA Young Numismatists. CONECA is a national numismatic organization devoted to the education of error and variety coin collectors.

As a benefit of CONECA membership, YNs will receive the educational journal *The Errorscope*, which is mailed bimonthly. CONECA also offers members a lending library, plus examination, listing and attribution services.

To redeem your free membership, email [yn@conecaonline.org](mailto:yn@conecaonline.org). Be sure to include your name, email address, ANA



membership number, and mention the code CONECAYN#16 in the email body or subject line.

For additional information, contact ANA Education Director Rod Gillis at (719) 482-9845, or email [education@money.org](mailto:education@money.org).

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