

TNA Exhibits

There's still time! If you have given an educational club presentation or have a special interest in a particular area of numismatics, consider preparing an exhibit for the TNA show in June. The Exhibit committee will be happy to provide anyone, especially first time exhibitors, with the necessary information and recommended steps for creating a successful exhibit. Exhibits of all sizes are welcome, from multi-case exhibits all the way down to those requiring just one case. Exhibits can be entered in both Competitive and Non-Competitive categories.

Exhibit Rules, Guidelines and Applications can be found on the TNA website.

Collectors Forum

A group of collectors meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at the North Richland Hills Library. 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. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 22nd.

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This meeting is open to anyone interested, and is not associated with NETCC. There are no dues, no membership rolls, just fun. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Kevin Kell: kevinkell@1scom.net.

George Washington Commemorative

After the abuses in the commemorative coin program during the 1930's, it seemed a certainty that the US Mint would never again strike commemorative coins. This caused promoters to stop campaigning for new coins, which in turn had a dampening effect on the value of earlier commemoratives.

Then, after a 28-year hiatus, things changed quite suddenly. President Reagan in late 1981 signed a law authorizing coining of not more than ten million halves to be dated 1982, honoring the 250th anniversary of George Washington's birth.

The obverse of the coin portrays George Washington on horseback. The reverse features the eastern facade of Washington's home at Mount Vernon, with a heraldic eagle appearing below. The coin was designed by Elizabeth Jones, who the chief sculptor and engraver of the United States Mint at the time.



Coins were struck in 90% silver and represented the first 90% silver coins to be produced by the United States Mint since 1964. While the legislation did not specify where coin was to be made, the Mint attempted to correct one of the abuses in Classic

Commemoratives – forcing collectors to purchase three-coin sets to keep their collections complete. Uncirculated versions were issued, at Denver, with proof coins being struck at the San Francisco Mint. These were priced by the Mint at \$8.50 and \$10.50, respectively. However, the coins were initially sold at a discount for during a “pre-issue” period before regular prices went into effect.

The George Washington Halves were produced throughout 1982 and 1983, although all coins were dated 1982. When the US Mint finally stopped accepting orders for the coins at the end of 1985, more than 1,000,000 unsold coins had to be melted.

Due to the high mintage of this issue, the coins remain readily available for present day collectors. The predominant factor in valuing the coins is the market price of silver. However, even though Denver Mint pieces were probably struck twice to bring out their design, they were otherwise handled as normal production coins. This fact makes 1982-D uncirculated halves easily the rarest of the modern commemoratives in high grades.

Special Meeting Activity Calendar

- May** – Quiz Night
- June** – Youth Night
- July** – Weenie Roast
- September** – Show and Tell Night
- November** – Veteran's night,
Officer/Director elections
- December** – Christmas party

We need volunteers to give programs in 2017. Contact Kevin Kell if you have an interest.

Upcoming Local Coin Shows

- May 13** – Collin County Coin Club Coin Show, Exit 40B US75, McKinney. Free.
- May 19-21** – Cowtown Coin Show, Forest Hill Civic/Convention Center. \$3.
- June 2-4** – TNA Coin and Currency Show, Arlington Convention Center. \$3 or free with TNA membership.
- June 9-10** – Five State Coin & Currency Show, 3310 Troup Hwy., Tyler. Free.
- July 7-9** – Texas Coin Show, Grapevine Convention Center. \$3 or free with NETCC membership.
- August 4-6** – Cowtown Coin Show, Forest Hill Civic/Convention Center. \$3.

April New Members: Ed Lasko.

April First Time Visitors: Danny Mok.