

August 2025 Bluegrass Coin Club Newsletter

It is that time of year for those eagerly waiting the annual World's Fair of Money coin show. This year's edition will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It is the first time the ANA has had their big annual show in Oklahoma. In other news, school is starting for many this month. Good luck to all of the students and teachers in our club.

Congratulations to Mary Lynn Garrett!

Congratulations to club member Mary Lynn Garrett on her election to Vice President to the American Numismatic Association Board of Governors. She will serve with President elect Mark Lighterman and seven Governors including David Heinrich who was a guest speaker at our past Christmas Meeting. Outgoing President Tom Uram was another guest speaker at yet another Christmas Meeting. The Bluegrass Coin Club has been well represented on the ANA Board of Governors. Other recent Bluegrass Coin Club members who have served with the ANA include Jeff Garrett as President and Tom Mulvaney as Governor.

Reminder about Our Meeting Venue

On the day after our last Bluegrass Coin Club meeting, Southern Hills United Methodist Church contacted board members to let us know that the door to the Education Building Lobby was left open all night. It was propped open by a member and not allowed to close and lock. The Church has a security system, so they were able to see what happened and we reached out to the person or persons involved.

In the future, we will limit our use to one entrance point of the facility and that would be the entrance to Herron Hall. This entrance is located at the buffet / auction lot island near where the Mike and David set up the administration table.

We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful facility to have our meetings, and we need to be careful stewards of this location. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Bluegrass Coin Club Member Highlight

In this edition of the Bluegrass Coin Club Meet and Greet Section, we interviewed Ralph Dennis. Thanks for sharing!

Some responses were lightly edited for formatting and clarity.

Q: What do you collect?

A: I collect quarters, silver eagles, and some currency. I also collect coin related items like money bags or old toys that are related to coin collecting. I have an old cash register.

Q: How did you get started collecting?

A: My parents ran a small country store. When I was about 13 years old I started staying at the store. During slow times I would go through the coins looking for steel pennies and silver nickels. This was about 60 years ago.

Q: What is your favorite part about being a member of BGCC?

A: I enjoy learning more about coins and collecting from people who attend the club. I also enjoy the auction, not so much to buy, but to look at the coins that I may have not seen before. I have developed friendships at the club. I appreciate what Mary Lynn, Jeff, and the officers of the club do to keep the club going strong.



Ralph Dennis

Giveaway

Brian Cathey left some coin collecting supplies behind at the church and his widow and Church wanted our club members to have the opportunity to be gifted from this assembly. We will be giving away these items at upcoming meetings. Stay tuned for more information.

Anyone in the club is welcome to contribute articles or other information to the monthly newsletter. Write a story about a numismatic related topic that interests you, share some pictures of your collection, or brag about a recent coin find at the local grocery store's CoinStar machine. We love to hear from you! Email us at bgcoinclub@gmail.com.

Upcoming Coin Shows

*All dates are 2025 unless noted otherwise and it is recommended to check with the coin show website or organizers for accuracy or cancellations. Please email bgcoinclub@gmail.com to report any errors or info about other KY area coin shows.

ANA World's Fair of Money

August 19th to 23rd

Oklahoma City Convention Center

100 Mick Cornett Drive

Oklahoma City, OK 73109

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Knoxville Coin & Currency Show

September 6th

Rothchild Catering & Conference Center

8807 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN 37923

Contact: Robert Bruner at beavercreekcoins@gmail.com or (865) 660-8692

The 65th Annual Kentucky State Coin Show

October 9th, 10th, & 11th

Hilton Garden Inn

2735 Crittenden Drive

Louisville, KY

Contact: Andy Barsamian at louisvillekycoinclub@gmail.com or (502) 501-5061

River City (WVa) Coin Club Show

October 18th

Mount Vernon Baptist Church

2150 Mount Vernon Road

Hurricane, WV 25526

Contact: Greg Mencotti at (304) 840-7036 or mencotti_coins@yahoo.com

Greenhills Classic Coin, Stamp, and Jewelry Show

Last Sunday of each month

American Legion Post 530

11100 Winton Rd., Cincinnati, OH

Contact: Jim Huffman, Col. USA (Ret.) (937) 901-2110

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