

# February 2026 Bluegrass Coin Club Newsletter

Greetings from the Bluegrass Coin Club. Has anyone seen any 2026 coins in circulation yet? Supposedly, the semiquincentennial coinage is circulating. Not counting on seeing one anytime soon, but I look forward to holding a 2026 dime in my hands. In other news, silver and gold are still on their wild roller coaster ride.

## **February Elections**

We will be having an election at our February meeting to set a new slate of officers. Positions up for election are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. As of Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, the following list is the slate of members who have offered their services for the respective club positions. The existing board members will be around to shadow the new board members to ensure a seamless transition as we move forward if they are not reelected to their current roles.

**President – Alan Barnet**

**Vice President –**

**Treasurer – Brian Lippert**

**Secretary – Roger Mulvaney (incumbant)**

We are still looking for someone to be nominated for the Vice Presidential role. The Vice President will assist with setting the education aspect of our meetings and coordinating the use and functionality of the audio/visual equipment.

The plan is for the new officers to begin their roles beginning with the March 2026 monthly meeting. Additionally, Bob Jones is our ANA Representative which is a position not up for election at this time.

## **2026 Dues**

Dues for 2026 are due as soon as possible. Dues are \$10 per person or household.

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## **Toss up!**

Superbowl LX took place on February 8<sup>th</sup> and the Editor has always wanted to write up a brief article about coins used for football game coin tosses since it is a nice crossover sports and numismatic topic. Well, this is the year. The Old Man emailed me along with some selected friends and family a few days before the Big Game sharing that Jeff Garrett had assisted with a request from the National Football League to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History for the special coin toss coin this year. A follow up to Mr. Garrett confirmed this news but by that point the NFL, the Smithsonian National Numismatic Collection, and many more had all also posted the news about this special coin toss coin by Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Garrett forwarded the following message from Stephanie Johnson from the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History for our use:

*Dear Friends of the National Numismatic Collection past and present,*

*I write to share the exciting news that the National Museum of American History was approached by the NFL with a request to help them honor the nation's 250th anniversary as part of the coin toss at this year's Super Bowl LX. Our dedicated alumni board member Jeff Garrett helped the NFL source a re-strike of a 1782 Libertas Americana medal that honors the war for independence.*

*The NFL will present the medal to the Museum following the coin toss and announce that it will become part of the Museum's National Numismatic Collection ([NFL press release](#)). Museum director Dr. Anthea Hartig will be on hand in Santa Clara at the Levi's Stadium to accept the coin, which we anticipate will take place on the field. Additionally, the Museum will be featured on the TODAY Show this Friday morning leading up to the game.*

*This is a wonderful opportunity to reinforce the important work of the Smithsonian and the role the Institution plays in commemorating the nation's 250th. Curator Dr. Ellen Feingold's [corresponding blog post detailing the history of the Libertas Americana medal](#) will be promoted on our website and social media this weekend to complement the event. As Friends of the NNC, I hope you will tune in and take particular pride during this moment in Sunday's broadcast!*

*Thank you for your continued support of this important collection,*

*Stephanie*



Image courtesy of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History

NFL press release:

<https://media.nfl.com/news-and-releases/super-bowl-lx-pregame-ceremony-sets-stage-for-historic-champions>

[A tiny medal takes center stage on football's biggest night: The Libertas Americana at Super Bowl LX | National Museum of American History:](https://americanhistory.si.edu/explore/stories/libertas-americana-super-bowl-lx)

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## **Bluegrass Coin Club Member Highlight**

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In this edition of the Bluegrass Coin Club Meet and Greet Section, we interviewed Michael Bush. Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions, Michael!

*Some responses were lightly edited for formatting and clarity.*

Q: What do you collect?

A: American coins, silver and gold.

Q: When did you start collecting coins?

A: My grandmother gave me an 1867 Shield nickel when I was 10 years old. I stopped collecting in high school and started collecting again with my youngest son about 10 years ago.

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

A: It's the connection and fellowship with the people of the Bluegrass Coin Club.



Michael Bush

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## **Invitation from Jeff Garrett and Mid American Rare Coin Galleries**

At our recent coin club meetings, Jeff Garrett extended an offer for individuals to help buy certain product releases from the US Mint for a premium. Please contact Jeff Garrett or Mid American Rare Coin Galleries for more information.

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*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](mailto:bgcoinclub@gmail.com).*