

July 2025 Bluegrass Coin Club Newsletter

July the Fourth was the day I finally obtained a 2025 coin from circulation thanks to the charity of the Old Man. It is a Philadelphia cent. This was much too long to find a current issue. Hopefully your searching has been more fruitful than mine. There are some big coin shows coming up at the end of the month in Cincinnati and Dalton followed by the World's Fair of Money in the OKC. Safe travels to those who make journeys to these events.

Speaking of traveling...

The family loaded up the CRV because the check engine light came on in the family van the night before the vacation was to commence. The show must go on and with a little trepidation about a fully loaded hybrid CRV climbing up and down through the mountains and valleys of southern Kentucky and through the Smokies of Tennessee and North Carolina we had a nice vacation. We went to Dollywood and visited cousins in Georgia.



Along the way, we found a few pressed penny machines and added to our family collection. Collecting pressed pennies has become a fleeting fun family activity whenever we go to a Buc-ees or other similar tourist trap. Most pressed penny machines along the way provide the cent for flattening which is somewhat concerning to the author because the

preference is to press a pre-1982 cent due to the mostly copper composition. But a few locations still allow you to provide your own cent to smash into elongated form. One wonders what the future of elongated cent collecting will look like when cents are no longer readily available.

The highlight of the trip for the author, however, was a visit to a beautiful small college town in northern Georgia named Dahlonega. There we visited the Dahlonega Gold Museum which is situated in the 1836 Lumpkin County Courthouse.

The old mint is long gone but the site upon the mint building sat is now an administration building for the University of North Georgia topped by, you guessed it, a golden dome. The Gold Museum is part of the Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites and is



a must visit for anyone who is interested in numismatic and American history. The museum has exhibits on the discovery of gold in Georgia, the subsequent gold rush, history of mining in Georgia, and of course the Dahlonega Mint all within the confines of a building that was witness to the golden history of the region. The piece de resistance at the museum is a complete set of all the coins minted at the Dahlonega mint including two 1854D \$3 gold coins and one example each of an 1861D gold dollar and an 1861D half eagle. Many of the 1861 coins were minted under the authority of the Confederate States of America, not the US Mint, and due to low mintage numbers and relationship to Civil War history, command a strong premium. If you are ever in the northern part of Georgia and can spare an hour or two, please check out the Dahlonega Gold Museum. The only regret is that they don't give away samples but you can press a cent to get that elusive non Denver D mint mark.



Website: [Dahlonega Gold Museum State Historic Site | Department Of Natural Resources Division](https://gastateparks.org/DahlonegaGoldMuseum) (<https://gastateparks.org/DahlonegaGoldMuseum>)



Water cannons were used to wash the gold out of the hills in northern Georgia



The kindergartner found the dynamite plunger...Uh oh

Liquid Gold?

The editor has come across a couple of articles recently about gold erupting from volcanoes. One Newsweek article mentioned gold and other precious metals being discovered in Hawaiian lava and another mentioned gold spewing from a volcano in Antarctica.

Link to *Newsweek* article about precious metals in Hawaiian volcanoes:

www.newsweek.com/gold-ruthenium-precious-metal-volcano-hawaii-core-geochemistry-2077411

Link to *Accuweather* article about gold in Mt. Erebus:

www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/one-of-earths-most-active-volcanoes-spews-6000-in-gold-dust-every-day/1643569

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