

March 2025 Bluegrass Coin Club Newsletter

March Madness is here and may the Luck of the Irish be with you as you fill out your tournament brackets. My youngest started tee ball practice a week ago and the oldest is selling Girl Scout cookies by the case. But the beat goes on and we have another newsletter full of information for you and in preparation for our March meeting.

Guest Speaker

We will try it one more time, but **Marc Vazsonyi** will be our guest speaker for the March meeting. His topic will be an introduction to ancient coins. Should be a good topic – you won't want to miss it!

More about the Cent

The local PBS affiliate in Colorado Springs, Colorado, interviewed Doug Mudd and Caroline Turco at the ANA Money Museum regarding the change in the production of the “penny.”

<https://www.rmpbs.org/blogs/business-economy/penny-production-colorado-trump>

Jeff Garret Earns CSNS Award

Thanks for Rick Shrantz for sharing the article from CoinNews.net about Jeff Garrett winning the Central States Numismatic Society's Q. David Bowers Award. Congratulations on this noteworthy achievement, Jeff!

<https://www.coinnews.net/2025/03/05/csns-to-present-2025-q-david-bowers-award-to-numismatic-expert-jeff-garrett/>

General Announcement on Club Membership

The Bluegrass Coin Club will be reviewing our active roster and club email account in the coming months. Please make sure you are paying your dues and coming to our meetings. Our meetings have been busy lately with presentations from club members, our “bourse floor”, updates from Jeff Garrett, presentations, and our monthly auction. There is a lot happening this year and we want you to be there!

An Irish Coin Find

Our club meeting is on March 17th which is Saint Patrick's Day, a day celebrated amongst Irish Diaspora (and anyone who wishes to be Irish for day) throughout the world. Saint Patrick is one of the most well known and popular saints from the Christian traditions that venerate him. So for this month's show and tell, I thought I would share an unexpected coin find of the Irish variety.

I found this coin in the canteen change jar at my work about 10 years ago. It is a 1982 Ireland 5 pence coin. They made over 24.4 million of these coins according to the NGC online world price guide. The obverse features an Irish Harp, date, and Eire – an Irish language word for Ireland.



The reverse yields the denomination and a bull as the central device. In circulated condition it is worth about a dime in today's money but I have little doubt it was passed off, intentionally or unintentionally due to its size and shape, as a quarter. Perhaps the user of the coin had the luck of the Irish on their side that day as they paid for a soft drink or candy bar from the now defunct canteen. Or maybe this descendant of the Emerald Isle was lucky for finding it. Either way, I am thankful it is in my collection.

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 would 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.

Owensboro KY Coin Show

March 22nd

Owensboro Opportunity Center

3560 New Hartford Road

Owensboro, KY

Contact: Greg English (270) 314-0105 or gman1968greg@gmail.com

Knoxville Coin & Currency Show

April 5th

Rothchild Catering & Conference Center

8807 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN 37923

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

Central States Numismatics Society Convention

April 23rd to 26th

Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center

1551 N. Thoreau Drive.

Schaumburg, IL 60173

[Convention | Central States Numismatic Society](#)

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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Greenhills Classic Coin, Stamp, and Jewelry Show

Last Sunday of each month

American Legion Post 530

11100 Winton Rd., Cincinnati, OH

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