

October 2025 Bluegrass Coin Club Newsletter

Cool mornings and beautiful early autumn days have blessed the Bluegrass in recent days. We have a lot of information to share in this month's newsletter about past, current, and future events.

Thank you to John Riley

BGCC would like to offer a special thank you to John Riley for speaking at our September Coin Club meeting about Kentucky related numismatic and exonomia.



L-R: Mike Sutton, John Riley, Mary Lynn Garrett, Jeff Garrett

December Meeting Information

We are getting close to our annual Christmas Banquet and December meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday, December 15th. More details will be announced in the next couple of meetings. Please contact Mid-American Rare Coin Galleries to make your reservation at (859) 276-1551. Reservations will be taken until the first week of December.

The following is a news release from the ANA announcing an award for the Garretts. Congratulations Mary Lynn and Jeff!



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Honoring A Couple's Legacy in Numismatic Education: ANA Philanthropy Award

The American Numismatic Association's (ANA) **Philanthropy Award** publicly honors those who have made significant contributions to the Association that further its strategic mission to expand, enhance, and sustain the hobby of coin collecting. This year, the ANA recognizes **Mary Lynn and Jeff Garrett** for their many years of hobby support.

Mary Lynn and Jeff Garrett are passionate champions of numismatics and long-standing supporters of the ANA. Mary Lynn, a life member of the ANA for over 32 years, has served three terms as a governor (2019-25), is the current ANA vice president (2025-27), and has contributed to numerous ANA committees. A cofounder of the Bluegrass Coin Club in Lexington, Kentucky, she is deeply committed to educating future generations of collectors. Her leadership has helped shape young numismatists, some of whom are now professionals in the field.



Mary Lynn and Jeff serve as vice president and president of Mid-American Rare Coin Galleries, respectively. Jeff, an ANA past president (2015-17), began collecting coins as a child after being inspired by a Whitman Lincoln cent folder. He now brings over 50 years of professional experience to the organization and continues to support its growth through education, strategic leadership, and fundraising. Both Mary Lynn and Jeff have attended countless conventions and Summer Seminars, emphasizing the value of shared knowledge and connection.

Together, the Garretts are strong advocates for expanding ANA membership, promoting planned giving, and strengthening the ANA's educational outreach. Their enduring dedication reflects their belief that numismatics is not only a hobby, but a lifelong journey of learning and community.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs, to include its museum, library, publications, conventions and webinars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit [money.org](https://www.money.org).

Bluegrass Coin Club Member Highlight

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



Cliff Tsuboi

Some responses were lightly edited for formatting and clarity.

Q: What do you collect?

A: World Coins

Q: When did you start collecting coins?

A: 1958

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

A: Educating people about world coins and their role in the history of numismatics.

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.

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.

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

Knoxville Coin & Currency Show

November 1st

Rothchild Catering & Conference Center

8807 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN 37923

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

Derby City Coin Club Coin Show

November 22nd

Holy Family Gymnasium

3926 Poplar Level Road

Louisville, KY 40213

Contact: DerbyCityCoinClub.org or joneskray@att.net

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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