



# MONEY TALKS

Thursday, February 27

**9 a.m. Real African Americans on U.S. Numismatics: Names, Signers, Designers & Images** JOHN PHIPPS

This presentation reviews the contributions of African Americans to numismatics. Items shown in the presentation include Civil War tokens, bank notes, classic and modern commemorative coins, and business-strike coins. This talk discusses the stories behind these items.

*John Phipps has collected since he was eight years old. His interests include U.S., Philippines, British, and Canadian coins; hobo nickels; military numismatics; elongated coins; sales tax tokens; and postcards.*

**10 a.m. Medieval Masterpieces: Eight Salutes to Mary** MICHAEL T. SHUTTERLY

Over 2,000 years ago, an angel delivered a message to a Middle Eastern woman that would change the world. Centuries later, this event appeared on a series of coins that represent the height of late medieval art. This presentation explores the background of coins related to the Virgin Mary and examines these depictions.

*Michael T. Shutterly is a collector, exhibitor, writer, and presenter specializing in Byzantine, early medieval, and Roman Republican coinage, with a side interest in Hungarian hyperinflation currency.*

**11 a.m. Small but Mighty: The History of the Mercury Dime** SCOTT GORDON

This presentation covers the Mercury dime's history, starting with Teddy Roosevelt's appointment of Augustus Saint-Gaudens to redesign U.S. coinage. It focuses on the 1916 dime and the challenges in its design, minting, and distribution. The presentation also explores grading, key dates, rarities, counterfeits, and more.

*Scott Gordon worked as a C-suite executive in various businesses over the years before transitioning to a pocket dealer in recent years. Gordon is an avid collector with a passion for American Renaissance coinage, particularly Adolph Weinman's designs.*

**12 p.m. Cryptocurrency: The Future of Money & Value** BOBBY GRAY

For millennia, gold and silver functioned as money: a store of value, unit of account, and medium of exchange. But as we head into the future, cryptocurrency takes center stage. Learn the basics and discover how you can participate in the future of money.

*Bobby Gray is a U.S. Congressional expert witness with a precious-metals career that dates back to 2008. He crafted some of the industry's most cherished collectibles, including Lakota and Booteen coins and silver statues.*

**1 p.m. When Money Fails: Uncommon & Unique Numismatics During German Hyperinflation in the 20th Century** ALEXANDER BLOUGH

This presentation examines German hyperinflation in the Weimar Republic, focusing on the local notes and coins that emerged after the collapse of the national monetary system. Examples of the community notes and coins made from a range of materials are presented and discussed.

*Alexander Blough pursued his master's degree in European history with a focus on numismatics. He wrote his thesis on the impact of hyperinflation in Europe in the early 20th century.*

**2 p.m. Souvenir Treasure of World War II: Coinage of the Philippines** DENNIS TUCKER

Many World War II soldiers serving in the Pacific Theater returned with curious silver and bronze coins that were minted for the Philippines but bear the words UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. This presentation explores the unique wartime connection between the United States and the Philippine Islands.

*Dennis Tucker served as publisher at Whitman Publishing (2004-24) and as a numismatic specialist on the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee for eight years. He is a member of the Philippine Collectors Forum and the Filipino American Association of Greater Atlanta.*

**3 p.m. Hidden Secrets: The Mystery of Trade Dollar Opium Lockets** MICHAEL S. SANDBERG

This talk discusses the history of Trade dollar lockets crafted from 1873-78 U.S. Trade dollars. These lockets are often linked to opium smuggling in East Asia, but historical advertisements and periodicals suggest that the lockets concealed cherished keepsakes.

*Michael Sandberg has over 50 years of collecting experience and focuses on U.S. Trade dollars and Seated Liberty coins. His precision for uncovering hidden stories unites his professional career and lifelong collecting pursuits.*

**4 p.m. Error Coins 101** JON ZAMPEDRO

Many new collectors attend a coin show wondering if a coin they have in their collection is some kind of error. This presentation focuses on how error coins are made and what they may be worth.

*Jon Zampedro is the owner of J. Edwards Collectibles and has been assisting collectors since 1992. He specializes in error coins and small copper coins and is a retired member of the United States Air Force.*

Money Talks are free 30- to 45-minute educational presentations by some of the hobby's most noted authorities. Programs are offered Thursday and Friday, February 27-28, in Room 105 of the Cobb Galleria Centre.

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Friday, February 28

## 9 a.m. The Heads & Tails of Birth-Year Collecting

PETER D. LAWRENCE

This presentation highlights the challenges and rewards of birth-year collecting. Lawrence discusses how to determine what coins and medals were issued by or minted in a specific country in a given year. Advice is provided on how to display, photograph, and catalog these items.

*Peter Lawrence's current collecting focus is a 1963 birth-year collection of world coins and commemorative medals. He is a veteran public speaker and has delivered hundreds of continuing education presentations throughout his career.*

## 10 a.m. The World of Elongate Coins

RICHARD JOZEFIAK

Elongated coins were first commercially sold in large numbers at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Elongated-coin collecting has continued to grow since then. The program gives a history of elongates and how people collect, store, and find them today.

*Richard Jozefiak is the ANA district representative for Alabama and Georgia and the past national outreach coordinator (2015-21). He has received an ANA Triple Crown Award (2024), a Presidential Award (2021), and a Medal of Merit (2011).*

## 11 a.m. From Coin-Collecting Kid to Professional Economist

RANDEL A. PILO

This presentation highlights Pilo's journey from being a coin collector in the 1960s to becoming a professional economist. It covers the joys of discovering coin collecting as well as important, ongoing U.S. monetary events. The presentation covers the love of coin collecting and how the hobby relates to monetary history.

*Randel Pilo is an independent economist and principal at Econwerks, LLC. His career spans nearly 25 years as a practicing applied economist for Wisconsin at the Department of Commerce and the Public Service Commission.*

## 12 p.m. Tales from the Counter

RUSS BEGA

Working in the oldest and busiest coin shops in the country affords one the opportunity to see the weird and downright bizarre pieces of numismatic curiosity. This talk covers three tales of mystery and intrigue, including a counterfeit 1934 quarter, a previously unknown award medal, and a Civil War-era half dollar struck from Masonic silver.

*Russ Bega was previously employed by Heritage Auctions before embarking on a decade-long career as a U.S. Army Infantry non-commissioned officer. In 2021 he joined the Harlan J. Berk team in Chicago, where he is now the store manager.*

## 1 p.m. The Treasure of the SS Pacific

JEFF HUMMEL

The SS *Pacific* was lost off the Washington coast on November 4, 1875, while carrying gold miners, prominent merchants, and a large shipment of gold coins, gold bars, and gold dust. Recovery is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2025. This presentation focuses on the cargo and how it will be recovered.

*Jeff Hummel has been involved in marine projects since 1983; his earliest experience was recovering World War II aircraft from Lake Washington. He is one of the world's leading experts in PC-based marine navigation systems.*

## 2 p.m. The Numismatic History of the Silk Road(s): A Preview of the New Money Museum Exhibit

DOUGLAS MUDD

The Silk Road has captured the public imagination and inspired museum exhibitions, coffee table books, and archaeological programs over the last several decades. This presentation previews the Silk Road(s) exhibit at the ANA Money Museum, focusing on the coins that formed an integral part of the vast trade network across Eurasia.

*Douglas Mudd is the curator/director of the American Numismatic Association's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs. He is responsible for developing and planning the content of the Museum's exhibition program and the organization and care of the ANA collections.*

## 3 p.m. Fugio Cents of 1787

PIERRE FRICKE

This presentation discusses the history of Fugio cents, their tie to large cents, how they are the first U.S. coins made for mass circulation, and why the denomination lasted only one year. Information on how to collect books on the topic and Fugio cent values are also discussed.

*Pierre Fricke is a well-known collector, dealer, and author of books about Civil War paper money and early American coppers. He has been a dealer for over 20 years and a collector for over 50 years.*

## 4 p.m. From Disney Dollars to Community Bucks: What Local Currency Is & How It's Changing Communities

JONATHAN LERNER

This presentation explores the world of community-based currencies and how they work to keep money flowing within local economies. But that's not all. Local currency isn't just about money—it's about building a movement that empowers neighborhoods and fosters connections.

*Jonathan Lerner is a respected coin dealer and the founder of Scarsdale Coin. Beyond traditional coinage, Lerner has a strong interest in local currencies, particularly Disney dollars.*