

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

October, 2012

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday October 9th starting at 6:30. The meeting is will be held at the 127 Senior Center on Highway 127 (Main Street) South of town. Doors open at 6:00.

This month will view the second half of the DVD about detecting counterfeit coins. I have had a number of very positive comments about the contents that we saw last month, so if you missed it be sure to come to see this month's installment. We will also have our normal business meeting, show and tell, the raffle, and the auction.

Coin Lore

First in War, First in Peace ...

By Bill Groom

Following the passing of President George Washington in 1799, Congressman Henry Lee eulogized him as being, "First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen." This most apropos salute to Washington has oftentimes been quoted; then too, used on tokens and medals over the past few hundred years. During the Civil War, both sides laid claim to the memory of George Washington who was a Virginian.



The above, two-headed medal, struck in white metal, is a personal favorite. About the size of a quarter, it was produced by George H. Lovett, an engraver and diesinker, who was located on Fulton Street in NY City. Likely struck in the mid to late 1800's, the maker's initials, G.H.L., can be seen below the larger bust of Washington. The smaller portrait appears to be that of a younger Washington. Typically, on coins and medals, Washington is pictured as an elder general or statesman. Note the similarity of the elder portrait to that on our present day quarters.



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Pictured above are a few more nineteenth century medals of varying size and formatted to fit the page. Of all our presidents, the image of Washington is most replicated on tokens and medals. There are collectors who actively collect these issues, nowadays. Indeed, many of the nineteenth century Washington pieces were designed and struck not simply as commemorative issues but with collectors in mind as well. Simply compare the artistry and intricacy of design that these pieces portray; this, in comparison to our present day coinage, and one can easily see why collectors still treasure these old medals

COINfucious Says: *"Collector who shun reading of coin books like rower with one oar ... travel in circles."*

Area Coin Shows

October 6, 2012 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike
(I-40 exit #378)

Nov. 2-4, 2012 **Chattanooga**, [Tennessee State Numismatic Society \(TSNS\)](http://www.tsns.org) Fall Coin Show.
Camp Jordan Arena, I-75, Exit 1

Nov. 24-25, 2012 **Sevierville**, Coin & Collectibles & Holidays Show. Sevierville Civic Center, 200
Gary Wade Blvd.

Dec. 14-15, 2012 **Gallatin**, Gallatin Coin & Currency Shows. Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave.

For more information on any of these shows see <http://www.tsns.org/Tennessee Club Shows.html>

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1893	Barber Half	Good
1933-S	Walker Half	Fine
1873	CN Three Cent Piece	VG
1879-1905	Ten Little Indians	AG-Fine
1909	Lincoln Cent	XF

The Door Prize will be an 1863 Civil War Token "No Compromise with Traitors".