

## January 2025 BGCC Newsletter



New Years greetings, everyone! Our December Christmas meeting was a wonderful event with great food, speakers, trivia, and auction. The best part was that we had nearly 100 people in attendance. We hope you all had a merry and joyous holiday season.

For our January meeting, Dr. Raleigh Jones will be making a presentation. We will be back to our normal 6:30PM schedule at the Southern Hills United Methodist Church. See you there!

### **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!

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## Coin Clubs

There are hundreds and hundreds of coin clubs across the United States and the world. A majority of these clubs have a localized focus much like our coin club, the Bluegrass Coin Club. Our members are mostly from Lexington, the Bluegrass Region, or the beautiful hills of Appalachia. We also have a few members who live beyond the borders of our Commonwealth. There are several more coin clubs in Kentucky and a few notable clubs just beyond our borders that many of us are also a member of. Furthermore, there is what I call super regional clubs such as the Central States Numismatic Society and the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association who serve coin collectors across vast regions of the county and usually hold at least one major convention a year and offer education programs to promote the hobby. Then there are national coin clubs such as the American Numismatic Association and the American Numismatic Society who have a national focus with employed staff, have major conventions, and may also lobby or advise the federal government on coinage and paper money matters. Finally, there are special interest clubs such as the Liberty Seated Collectors Club or the Token and Medal Society whose focus is more about a specific type of numismatic interest. The Liberty Seated Collectors Club sends the Bluegrass Coin Club a monthly E-Gobrecht newsletter in PDF format with several pages of news, research articles, and advertisements about Liberty Seated coinage events or related information. We receive this complimentary newsletter since we are an ANA club member. Starting with this newsletter, we will share the E-Gobrecht newsletter email via a link next to the auction information. If you would like to learn more about the Liberty Seated Coin Club, feel free to reach out directly to them by accessing their website at [www.lscweb.org](http://www.lscweb.org).

Ultimately, the goal of all coin clubs are to bring people interested in coins together and offer a way to educate ourselves about coins and provide an economic platform to drive our awesome hobby.

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## 2025 ANA Summer Seminar Scholarship Information

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Go to [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) for summer seminar course information and for open registration. There are several classes on coin grading, counterfeit detection, and many other numismatic related topics.

## ***Updated Deadline for ANA Summer Seminar Scholarships – Available Online Now***

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) is accepting [scholarship applications](#) for its 2025 Summer Seminar, the hobby's premier educational event. The scholarship deadline from previous years has been updated to January 31, 2025. This change allows earlier access to financial aid for applicants.

Recipients will have the opportunity to attend one of two weeklong sessions, to be held June 21-26 and June 28-July 3 on the Colorado College campus adjacent to ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado. All members – both adults and young numismatists (YNs) – are eligible.

YNs can apply for financial aid through the ANA Young Numismatist Scholarship, the Martin D. Weiss Memorial YN Scholarship, the David Lisot Memorial YN Scholarship or the Greg Lyon Memorial YN Scholarship. Applicants must be full-time students, age 13-17.

Adults 18 and older can receive full or partial assistance through the Robert Lecce Adult Scholarship. The Charles O. Browne Scholarship is available for applicants, age 15-25, attending the "Advanced United States Coin Grading and Problem Coins" class. The Everett Hull Scholarship is also available to those ages 15 and older.

Full scholarships for both YNs and adults include room and board for one week, tuition, and airfare, while partial scholarships for all applicants cover tuition only. Recipients will be selected based on need and merit.

[Scholarship applications](#) are available at [money.org](http://money.org) (select "Summer Seminar" from the "Events" menu) and must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2025. For additional information, contact the ANA Seminars Department at (719) 482-9848 or email [seminars@money.org](mailto:seminars@money.org).

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 as well as its museum, library, publications, and conventions. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit [money.org](http://money.org).

## Bluegrass Coin Club Member Highlight

In this edition of the Bluegrass Coin Club Meet and Greet Section, we interviewed Dr. Ken Miller. Thank you for sharing, Dr. Ken.

*Some responses were lightly edited for formatting and clarity.*



Dr. Ken Miller

Q: What do you collect?

A: Most all of my coins are post-Civil War issues of virtually all denominations but pretty concentrated with Morgan silver dollars, Barber coinage, etc.

Q: How did you get started collecting?

A: Well, I kind of just fell into the hobby. My father-in-law got me interested in the hobby because he knew I was a history buff. I took an interest in the collection and am currently learning as much as I am able about coin grading and the numismatic hobby. Recently, I completed the six courses in the ANA's Numismatic Diploma Program and am working toward getting the Numismatic Scholar Certificate. I also just got back from the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado, where I took Grading I from Kyle Knapp and Owen Seymour of PCGS.

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

A: The July meeting was my first one, so I was surprised to hear a couple of people call out to me as "Dr. Ken." I am a long-term business and management professor at Sullivan University and the former owner of *Coffee News*, a weekly publication which was distributed for years in Lexington restaurants and grocery stores until April of 2020. Mainly, I now work from home and teach primarily online courses, so it's great to get out of the house and see somebody besides my wife. :-) Here's something interesting: Bob Jones, the club's representative to the ANA, and his sister are former MBA students of mine.

*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](mailto: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](mailto:bgcoinclub@gmail.com) to report any errors or info about other KY area coin shows.

### **Knoxville Coin & Currency Show**

January 31<sup>st</sup>/February 1<sup>st</sup>

Rothchild Catering & Conference Center

8807 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN 37923

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

### **ANA National Money Show**

February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>

Cobb Galleria Centre

2 Galleria Pkwy SE

Atlanta, GA 30339

[National Money Show®: American Numismatic Association](http://NationalMoneyShow.com)

### **Derby City Coin Show**

March 8<sup>th</sup>

Holy Family Gymnasium

3926 Poplar Level Road

Louisville, KY 40213

Contact: [joneskray59@att.net](mailto:joneskray59@att.net) or DerbyCityCoinClub.org

### **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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