

December 2025 Bluegrass Coin Club Newsletter

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah from the Bluegrass Coin Club! We hope you all have a blessed holiday season with family and friends. It is hard to believe another year has passed. Big things have happened in the coin collecting community this year with bullion prices rising to unbelievable highs and the end of the business strike US one cent coin. Our Coin Club continues to grow and has had one great speaker after another at our meetings. Let's also remember this holiday season those no longer with us and be thankful for how they contributed to our club.

Thank you all for attending our meetings this year and making our coin club a vibrant community. Let us hope 2026 brings more growth and opportunities to share numismatic knowledge and fellowship.

December Guest Speaker Meeting Information

Ben Costello is President of the 1715 Fleet Society and is our guest speaker for our Christmas Banquet meeting. He is an expert on shipwreck coinage from the 1715 Spanish Treasure Fleet disaster. Mr. Costello offers the following regarding his presentation:

“This presentation deals with a little discussed and largely unknown aspect of collecting shipwreck treasure...the hunt for encrusted material. What this is and why it has such a huge following in the shipwreck community is what this presentation is about. These objects have a certain beauty and allure that they are often referred to as “Ocean Art”. Why these items are the objects of desire is what will be featured in this presentation. Treasure coins that are cleaned and slabbed have a certain place in the market. But for the true believer these clumps, aggregates and EO's represent a certain aspect of the history of a shipwreck that cannot be matched by slabbed coins. They represent how coins and encrusted objects became part of the ocean's environment, untouched by human hands, and historically undisturbed since the day that the ship that carried them was itself consumed by the ocean.”

The 1715 Fleet Society has a website with more information about who they are and what they do. www.1715fleetociety.com

Bluegrass Coin Club Member Highlight

In this edition of the Bluegrass Coin Club Meet and Greet Section, we interviewed Roger Mulvaney.

Some responses were lightly edited for formatting and clarity.

Q: What do you collect?

A: US coins mostly from the 20th Century, Ohio national bank notes (passively trying to put together a set of small size A-Z banks), and military payment certificates (series 681). Sometimes I collect coins or notes that have vignettes or images of interesting things to me like warships, trains, or the Stanley Cup.



Roger Mulvaney

Q: When did you start collecting coins?

A: I remember being interested in cents and a Statue of Liberty token going back to the 1980s. Been collecting on and off since then.

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

A: Seeing friends and trying to get something in the auction. The speakers are great. I love learning from all of the experts who contribute to our club whether they present, set up on the “bourse”, or share interest in what they collect.

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 2026 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.

Florida United Numismatist (FUN) Convention

January 8-11, 2026

Orange County Convention Center

9400 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL

www.funtopics.com

American Numismatic Association National Money Show

February 26-28, 2026

Savannah Convention Center

1 International Drive, Savannah, GA 31421

www.money.org

Derby City Coin Club Coin Show

March 14, 2026

Holy Family Gymnasium

3926 Poplar Level Road

Louisville, KY 40213

Contact: DerbyCityCoinClub.org

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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