THE NORTHWEST COIN CLUB

Newsletter – February 2021

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The **February Meeting** of the Northwest Coin Club will be conducted on Zoom at 7:00 P.M. CST on Thursday, February 11, 2021. The Zoom invitation is expected to go out on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Watch for that invitation.

February Presentation: Brad Karoleff

"Connections; Black Pepper, The Mountain That Eats Men and John Reich."

Brad Karoleff has been president of the John Reich Collectors Society and editor of their JR Journal for many years. He is co-owner of the Coins Plus coin shop in Cincinnati, Ohio, since 1981, and PNG member after 2009.

The John Reich Collectors Society is devoted to the study of United States gold and silver coinage issued between 1792 and introduction of the seated liberty design. John Reich was the designer for dies used on various series such as the Capped Bust type half dollar of 1807 to 1836.

Karoleff compiled *Bust Half Dollar Bibliomania*, an annotated guide to the literature pertaining to the Capped Bust Half Dollar Series. He has been a columnist for *Coin World* magazine. He was honored by the American Numismatic Association with the Glenn Smedley Award in 2007 and as the Harry J. Foreman Dealer of the Year for 2013. He is married to Michelle with two children.

A message from Greg Billman:

On behalf of the Northwest Coin Club Money Show Committee, I have some news to share with you. Over the past few weeks, I have been working to fill the position of the Bourse Chair. I have had many discussions with our candidate, and we reached the conclusion of our negotiations on the 3rd weekend in January.

I am pleased to introduce Andrew Swammi as the Bourse Chair for the Northwest Coin Club Money Show Committee. Andrew moved to Minnesota with his family in his early childhood, and he has stayed in the





Minneapolis area since. His beginnings as a coin dealer reach back almost 20 years when he started to showcase at the HarMar monthly show in Roseville, MN. Shortly after he started to frequent this show, his adventures took an abrupt turn when the organizer of this show tragically passed away in an untimely death. With the urging of a few other dealers of this show, Andrew was thrust into the organizer role to keep this show operational in the community. About 12 years ago, HarMar made the decision to halt the use of the space. As a happy ending to this turn of events, the show moved to the Roseville Skating center, where it has lived on as the Roseville Monthly Coin Show under Andrews continued organization to this day.

Andrew is looking forward to the new challenges of volunteering his time to organize the Northwest Coin Club's larger yearly show, while continuing his work at the Roseville Monthly Coin Show. During our discussions it is apparent that he really wants to give back to the coin collecting community



by sharing his enthusiasm and knowledge of the numismatic hobbies. He is excited about building relationships with all of you as our Money Show committee dedicates their efforts to providing a venue to share our delightfully pastime to the general public.

Now that Andrew is on board, we will be driving forward to finalize plans for the next show. We ask that you save the dates March $18^{th} - 20^{th}$, 2022 on your calendar for the 88^{th} Annual NWCC Money Show at Earle Brown Heritage Center.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next show in 2022.