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The Las Vegas Numismatic Society

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• Holiday Banquet Saturday, December 12 •

The LVNS Annual Holiday Banquet

Will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Sam's Town Hotel & Casino
on Boulder Highway in the Red Rock Room 2nd floor.

Fine food, Entertainment, Gifts & Prizes, Board Installation
and Outstanding Service Award Presentation & more.

Buffet Dinner from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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Fred Kuch at (702) 497-4858

Deadline is Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

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A fun evening for everyone!

\$5.00 to members \$25.00 Guest Fee



****Special Guest Mr. Walter Ostromecki Former President of ANA***

- The Red Rock Room is located on the 2nd floor of Sam's Town behind Sheplers Western Wear Store.
- Easiest access: Use Parking Garage #1, third (3) level and walk right in.
- From 1st Floor of Casino: Use escalator or elevator by the Sports Book Deli.
- For more information please call Joe at (702) 860-6032 or Fred Kuch at (702) 497-4858.



THE COLLECTOR'S POEM

T'was the night before Christmas,
When all through the mint
Not a planchet was stirring,
Not even a bit.

The pallets were stacked by the presses with care,
In hopes that shinny new pennies soon would be there.

The workers were nestled all snug in their beds,
With visions of paychecks dancing in their heads.

But as their dreams faded away,
they wondered if they would work yet another day.

And all the oil and coal and precious metals
Were gone like the snow in summer's weather.

When out on the streets there arose such a clatter,
That the minters rushed to see what was the matter.

It was stacked so high, platinum and gold, silver and copper, zinc and tin and all the latter
and there he was, all dressed in fur

His beard was like a reverse proof blurr
But make no mistake, for sure it was he
New coins would be struck soon just for thee.

So off he went, hollering out loud,
Away now Dasher, Prancer and Vixen
Off we go to West Point, Denver and Frisco
To fill the hoppers that's what matters.

So when you look at your coins,
Remember this and say,
Thanks Saint Nick for saving the day.



Joe Cavallaro

The Winner of the Price of Silver Guessing Game will be announced at the Holiday Banquet



The objective was to guess what the CLOSING PRICE OF SILVER WILL BE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015, based on Kitco's New York Closing price.

Prize will be a 5 oz. Silver round

2016 Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Designs Revealed

by Darrin Lee Unser on November 28, 2015

Designs for next year's Mark Twain Commemorative Coins were unveiled today, Nov. 28, at the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum. They were presented as part of Twain's 180th Birthday Bash.

As directed by the Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act, Public Law 112-201, the United States Mint in 2016 will strike up to 100,000 \$5 gold coins and as many as 350,000 silver

dollars in collector qualities of proof and uncirculated. The coins' obverses or heads side bear portraits of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, the famed author who wrote under the pen name of Mark Twain. Reverses feature designs that are emblematic of his life and legacy.

Coin prices, release dates and possible set options will be revealed at a later date.

Silver Dollar Designs

The silver dollar obverse depicts Mark Twain holding a pipe with its smoke forming a silhouette of Twain's most famous literary characters, Huckleberry Finn and Jim, on a raft. U.S. Mint Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) Artist Chris Costello created the design with Mint Sculptor-Engraver Michael Gaudio in charge of engraving. Inscriptions include LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST and 2016.

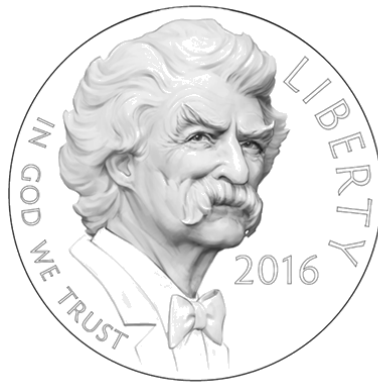
The reverse offers a representation of some of Twain's characters leaping from the pages of a book. They include the knight and horse from *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, the frog from *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*, and Jim and Huck from *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

Inscriptions include UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, \$1 and E PLURIBUS UNUM. AIP artist Patricia-Lucas Morris was the designer with engraving by Mint Sculptor-Engraver Renata Gordon.

\$5 Gold Coin Designs

A different portrait of Twain, as designed by AIP artist Benjamin Sowards, appears on the obverse of the \$5 gold coin. Mint Sculptor-Engraver Don Everhart is in charge of engraving the design, which also includes the inscriptions of IN GOD WE TRUST, LIBERTY and 2016.

The reverse depicts a steamboat as it navigates the waters of the Mississippi River. The design is the work of AIP artist Ronald D. Sanders with engraving by Mint Sculptor-Engraver Joseph Menna. The inscriptions are UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, \$5 and E PLURIBUS UNUM.



What Country

am I from?



Merry

Christmas



LVNS Annual February

Benefit Auction

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Apx. 40 lots of coins, currency and collectibles will be offered for auction.

Doors open at 2 p.m. for inspection and auction starts at apx. 3 pm.

Limited amount of consignments will be accepted.

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See Joe Cavallaro for details.

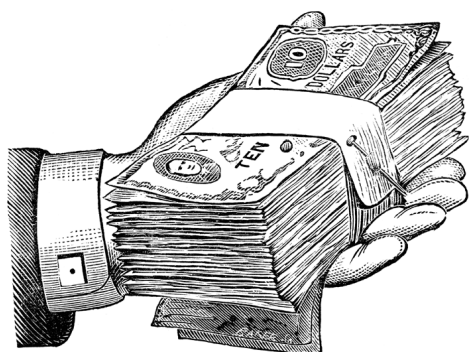


*Remember:

The First Club Meeting of the new year
will be Saturday, January 23, 2016

Bourse and socializing from 2 p.m.

Will be accepting membership dues before
the Holiday Banquet starts



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Lawrence Goldberg—Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.

is the author of *What Color Are Your Assets? An Insider's Guide to Rare Coins and Precious Metals* and publisher of *The Rare Coin Report Newsletter*. A dealer for 33 years, he specializes in US Coins and patterns.



Susan Trask—Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 12 Noon

has served two terms on the Civil War Token Society's Board of Governors, 16 years on the executive committee and is Editor of the Civil War Token combined *Civil War Token Journals*, *Whitman's Guidebook to Civil War Tokens* by Q. David Bowers, the *Third Edition of Civil War Store Cards* by George and Melvin Fuld, and is Chairperson of the 6th Edition of *Patriotic Civil War Tokens*. Susan has been a speaker on Civil War Tokens at club shows, Carson City Museum, and ANA Money Talks with Q. David Bowers.



David Vapnitsky—Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 2:30 P.M.

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LVNS Club Meetings are held at the Charleston Heights Arts Center at 800 S. Brush St. Las Vegas, NV near the intersection of Charleston and Decatur, one block behind Arizona Charlie's Casino. Bourse & socializing from 2:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 3 p.m. Free parking & free admission. Newsletter editor & advertising call Jim Shands (702) 452-3498. Joe Cavallaro, President (702) 860-6032. lasvegasnumismaticssociety.com

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Hotel & Casino**

**Dec. 12: LVNS Annual Holiday Banquet at
Sam's Town Hotel & Casino**

Dec. 18-20: Bick Coin Show Orleans Hotel

Jan. 23, 2016: LVNS Club Meeting

Jan. 29-31: Bick Coin Show Orleans Hotel

February 20, 2016: LVNS Club Meeting

March 19, 2016: LVNS Club Meeting

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April 9, 2016: LVNS Club Meeting

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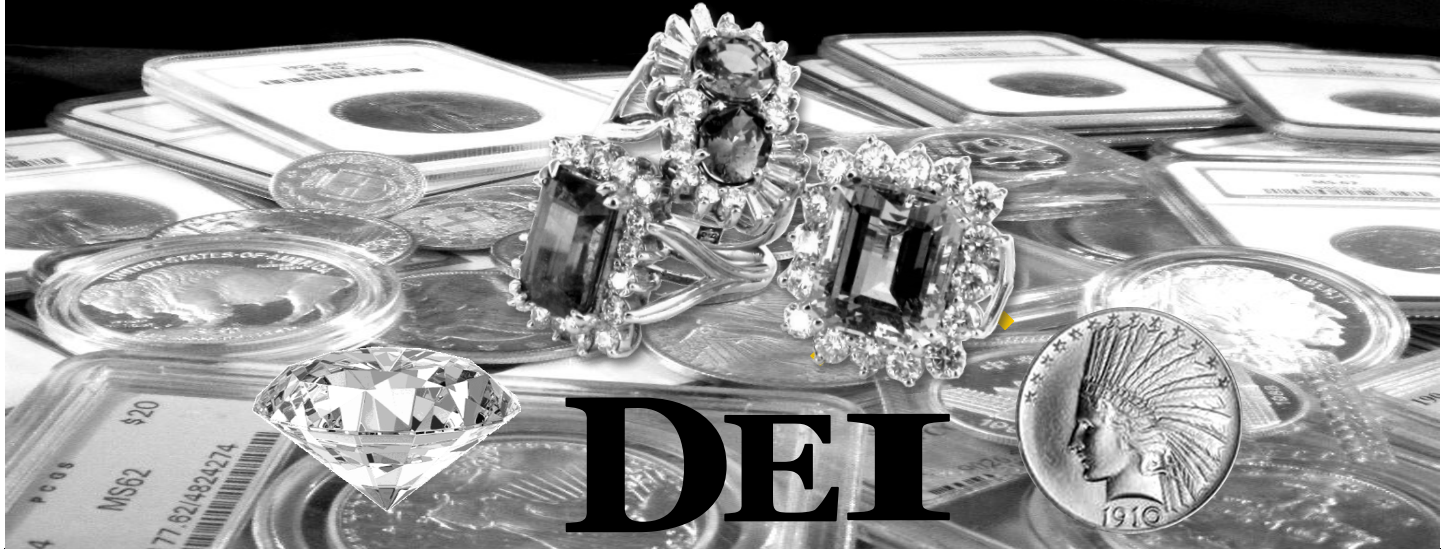


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