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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## PLENTY TO BE THANKFUL FOR

We had a very busy meeting in November. Thanks to those who brought food- it went quickly. Wait 'til next month!

Merle gave an update for our February 17-18, 2023 Coin Show. 15 of 63 tables are already sold, which is about par for this early in the preparation stages. Gold Coin Drawing tickets have been distributed- please help the club by selling as many as you can to help cover costs of running the show- thanks!

The November issue of The Numismatist featured an article on pages 30-31 by Charlie C (that's me!). It features the gold doubloon in the book Moby Dick. We encourage all of you to join the A.N.A.: help support our hobby and also receive the magazine (digital or print).

Merle also talked about "CAC" stickers. That company is now going into the business of grading and slabbing coins. The "green bean" will no longer be used, though it will still be acceptable for grading sets featuring coins from other grading services.

The October Lee Gong Benefit Auction netted the club \$958.85! Thanks to all who participated. It helps cover the \$2700/year cost of renting the room at the Veterans Building. Ironically the proceeds from last year's benefit auction were \$958!

It is time to start membership renewals for the club. Unless of course you are a life member, as half of you seem to be. Dues are still \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. That is a bargain considering all the things you get at the meetings (as well as this newsletter). Forms will be mailed to those receiving a printed newsletter, or they will be sent with your digital copy. Thanks for your support, it is appreciated.

Besides the meeting topic of coins/tokens we are thankful for, the meeting was also held two days before **Veterans Day**. There were several members present who served in the military, and likely several more club members not at the meeting as well. Thank you to all for your service, it is so appreciated. This is a photo of the group who did make it to our meeting.



### DECEMBER MEETING

There will be a lot going on at the December meeting:

- We meet in the **MAIN AUDITORIUM** at the Veterans Building
- **FLEA MARKET** from 6 to 7+ with tables available for anyone who wants to bring *numismatic* items to sell/trade/buy
- **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary. Any adult member can be nominated and run for office.
- **SANTA MERLE** will be around giving presents to all members
- **DESSERT NIGHT!!!!** This is the biggest and best dessert night you may ever see. **Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert** to the club! Nobody has every gone away hungry from our December

dessert nights. And we may get to see some kids bouncing off the walls from the sugar as added entertainment! Well, that really doesn't happen, but all us kids young and old will get to enjoy treats.

### NUMISMATIC ITEMS WE ARE THANKFUL FOR



- Deanna J started the talks by showing us this Morgan Dollar beauty. She is thankful for Morgan Dollars. A couple weeks ago she was in touch with someone who's father (a banker and collector) kept a box of coins in a safe deposit box which had not been opened in 50 years. When the man died, the box of coins was put on a shelf for another couple decades. Through a connection, she was contacted to evaluate the collection (she bought the whole hoard!). This 1882 Morgan is just one of a "plethora" of coins- rolls of apparently uncirculated coins and proof sets in original boxes, partially shown in the photo.
- Phil A was delighted to find a new Queen Elizabeth 2023 Britannia silver 1 ounce coin, minted shortly before she died. There will very likely be another 2023-dated Britannia coin featuring King Charles.
- Guy S is thankful for being a member of this club for 30+ years. And he is thankful for his collections of type coins, and particularly of coins made in the U.S. before the mint opened in 1792. He brought in a New Jersey cent, Fugio cent, and Nova Constellatio. He thinks they should be included in Early American type sets.
- Gary C talked about a coin show the weekend after this meeting, in case anyone was heading to New Mexico. He also told a story about finding coins- possibly mementos left by someone dearly departed for us to find.



- Helm J checks eBay regularly and gets notices of items in his search categories as they become available. The two pictured here were listed together as: "two coins commemorating the SF earthquake, Franklin Mint and other". The large one was a Franklin Mint medal, usually selling for \$10. You had to click on other photos to see what the 'other' was. Helm opened bidding at \$10; nobody else bid, so Helm got *both* items for \$10. The second one is a *silver* So-Called Dollar H&K-340! 250 of those were minted, and as I am writing this two are listed on eBay, for \$130 and for \$160. Nice going Helm!

- Ember S first showed a coin she was thankful to purchase at last month's benefit auction, kindly donated by Guy S. It is a 1571 Hungarian dinar featuring the Madonna and Child on the obverse



and a coat of arms with clear date on the reverse. It is the first in a new collecting category of medieval coins for her. The other coin she is thankful for is this George Washington dollar coin. It sits on her bedside table and constantly reminds her that we live in the greatest country in the world.

- John M is a new member. Four years ago, he found a (1973?) dime which people (grading services) have said was intentionally damaged. He feels it was a mint error, struck through pieces of die material that had broken off- and there are sections of the reverse left unstruck. He was able to use a scanning electron microscope at Humboldt State University to do some research and had photographs laid out on the table at the meeting. He compared scans of the surface of struck coins with surfaces of unstruck coins and showed differences. For those of you who did not look at his photos, the *obverse* looked like someone punched a couple letters into it after it was struck. His contention is that the letters were the result of printing press type that got embedded *in the die*: when you look at it carefully it matches exactly the type size and font used for lettering currency at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. If you look at a chop marked Trade dollar, for instance, the back side of those punches leave a blurry mark, which is nothing like the peculiar reverse of this Roosevelt dime. John will continue his quest to find an answer to how this coin was made.
- Steve K talked about his ornately cut-out Peace Dollar. This was something commonly seen during the depression, when someone could take a \$1 coin and make something more valuable out of it.
- Rich W is also thankful to the club and its officers. He recently went to a NCNA seminar and particularly liked a talk on coin photography. The lecturer not only talked about getting good images but also about keeping a photo album of those images allowing him to look at his coins anytime- while the originals were kept in a safe deposit box.



- Merle A talked about the California Good For Tokens book by Charles Kappen. There are 1631 different towns in California that had a 'good for' token. Merle started collecting these in 1991, to get one from each town. He has about 140 towns left to collect, mostly from tiny towns. Usually, 100 tokens would be made at a time, so when the lone business in a tiny town closed, most tokens would be useless and discarded. The result is that there are several towns where there was only one 'good for' token made, and there is only one known example of that. The token on the left from Manton is the only example known from that town, and it also completes Merle's collection of 'good for' tokens from Tehama County! The encased cent from East Quincy on the right is also the only known example from that town, and it completed Merle's collection for Plumas County! Merle has complete examples of each town from 20 of



58 California counties.

- Charlie C: I am thankful for the ability to collect coins, and for the bountiful food we have. And I found a picture of a cornucopia and a **coinocopia**! Cornucopias have been on coins since ancient times. The word is derived from Latin cornu (horn) and copiae (plenty), literally a horn of plenty. Legend has it that the Greek god Zeus as a baby broke the horn off of a goat; the horn went on to produce endless amounts of food for him. One of the earliest depictions I found was an image of a 240 BC gold Egyptian coin featuring Berenice II, who was married to Ptolemy III. Besides featuring a very ornate cornucopia, it was one of the first coins to ever depict a living woman (instead of a goddess or nymph) and to even name her as Queen Berenice! Most early Greek and Roman coins with cornucopias were depicted with a god or goddess like Fortuna or Felicitas who is seen on this silver denarius (left) of Septimius Severus from around 211 AD. The Hasmonean Dynasty in the Holy Land would not use graven images on their coins, but the cornucopia was used a lot. Over time the design became cruder, as did the ancient Hebrew script. That cornucopia design was used in 1985 for the 2-shekel coin in Israel. And there was even a counterstamp in the shape of a cornucopia, seen on this coin of Augustus (27 BC-14 AD). In modern times, the flag of Peru features a cornucopia, and the Peruvian gold coin has that coat of arms on it. The Nobel Prizes in Chemistry and in Physics use the same medal design, with the reverse showing "Nature (holding a cornucopia) having her veil lifted by Genius of Science". And finally, the Panama Pacific Exposition medal in 1915 featured two women (representing the two hemispheres) holding cornucopias, symbolizing the plentiful trade through the Panama Canal.



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We will be available on Zoom for the December meeting, in case you cannot make it in person.

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## DRAWING WINNERS

**Membership:** Randy D, Helmut J, Dale C, Paul C, and James A  
**50:50** pot of \$74 was split with Ron S

**Raffle:** Glenn M (5 times), Merle A, Kim S (3 times), Helm J, David Y, Chris H, and Guy S

**April Attendance:** 41+

**New Member:** John M #998- WELCOME!

**Guests:** yes!

**Auction:** 47 exciting items.

**Adjournment** was at 9:00 p.m. sharp!

## JUNIOR MEETING

At the December junior meeting time, there will be a flea market in the big center room. All items on the Junior Table will be free to juniors. Rich



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### UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

**December 10, 2022. San Francisco International Numismatic Bourse.** South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd., South San Francisco

**December 11, 2022. Sacramento Coin Show.** Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street, McClellan/Sacramento

**January 13-14, 2023. NorCal East Bay Concord Coin Show.** The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Concord

**February 17-18, 2023. REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Coin Show.** E.L. Finley Building, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The Club's meeting location is the **Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa** (opposite the County Fairgrounds across from Highway 12), in the "**Dinner Room**" on the east side of the building, at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Check out our newsletter at: **Redwoodempirecoinclub.com**

Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:

newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you **in person at the Vets Building main auditorium**

December 14, 2022— Charlie