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The obverse of Monnaie de Paris gold 50 euro proof for Anneé de la Chèvre. Images courtesy Monnaie de Paris.

## Coins honor Year of the Wood Goat (Sheep)

By Kerry Rodgers
On solar date Feb. 19, 2015, a new lunar year will dawn. It is a Year of the Goat (YOG) or, more specifically, a Yi Wèi or wood goat year. It will run until Feb. 7, 2016. In continuous reckoning it is Year 4712.

Lest there be any confusion, the Chinese character that appears on many YOG coins does not distinguish goat from Goat/Page 20

## Russian coin buyers missing



World coin dealer Al Boulanger of Pittsboro, Ind., noted his results Jan. 10 on the bourse of the Florida United Numismatists convention. "I can't sell Russia," he said. "The Russian dealers are not here." The economic crisis in the country is having an impact. As a result, Boulanger said, "Business seems a little lighter than usual. Overall, the show is a little better than I was afraid it might be. I am looking forward to going to Tampa next year."


Two major numismatic rarities will be offered by Dix Noonan Webb in the firm's Feb. 11 London auction.

Top billing goes to a newly discovered Australian George V 1921 pattern or specimen shilling with a fivepointed star above the date, one of just six minted. It has spent the last few decades unrecognized in a private collection.

The coin owes its existence to World War I and the subsequent world-wide economic upheaval. Post-war the price of gold and silver rose sharply. The upshot saw the silver content of many coins exceed their face values. For

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## Lord mayor strikes gold



London's lord mayor shows the sovereign that he struck.

In December The Lord Mayor of the City of London made his first ever visit to India. He was leading a delegation from the UK finance and professional services sector on a five-day trip. He took the opportunity to strike a commemorative gold sovereign at The Royal Mint's Indian operation.

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Designed by Long Hu and sculpted by Lin Feng (Beijing Palace) and Li Jin (Shenyang Palace), these are being struck in editions limited to 1,000 each at the Shanghai Mint.

Each Imperial Palace medal is $2-5 / 8$ inches in diameter, up to a half inch thick and weighs over 11 ounces.

They come in presentation boxes with numbered certificates of authenticity and informative booklets (in Chinese).

The editions of 1,000 each will be sold on a first come-first served basis. The official issue price is $\$ 125$ each, or $\$ 225$ for the pair, plus $\$ 15$ per order for shipping and insurance.

Orders can be placed by calling Mel Wacks at (818) 225-9666. For questions, email numismel@aol.com.

The Forbidden City in Beijing, containing nearly 10,000 rooms plus magnificent landscaped gardens, was the seat of power for over five centuries (1416-1911), witnessing the enthronement of 14 Ming and 10 Qing emperors.

On the medal, in the foreground, a lion overlooks the courtyard of the Imperial Palace in Beijing.

The Shenyang Palace medal features the earliest building in the royal enclave, Dazheng Hall (Mukden Palace) and its interior throne-room. The Imperial Palace of the Qing Dynasty in Shenyang consists of 114 buildings constructed beginning in 1625 by command of

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Beijing, top, and Shenyang medals are struck at the Shanghai Mint.

Emperor Taizu Nuerhachi who ruled the Northeast of modern China - an area known to history as Manchuria.

## NGC slabs 8 reales

Numismatic Guaranty Corporation announced that an NGC XF-45 Mexico (1538)R 8 Reales of Spanish co-regents Charles and Joanna was recently sold for a record price of \$587,500.

Struck in Mexico City in 1538, it is one of only three known survivors of the first mintage of the 8 reales denomination in the Americas.

The 8 reales was the precursor to the modern silver dollar and the 1538 pieces are often called the first silver dollars of the New World.

Although a small number of 8 reales were reported to have been minted in 1538, no examples were known to exist until the discovery in the 1990s of the "Golden Fleece" shipwreck, the nickname given to a Spanish ship that sank in the 1550 s. The three surviving examples of the (1538)R 8 reales were recovered from this shipwreck and all were subsequently graded by NGC.

Daniel Frank Sedwick of Winter Park, Fla., sold the coin at auction on Nov. 6, 2014.

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# Call buyers with American dollars 

By David C. Harper

It looks like American collectors and coin buyers are going to be called on to support the coin market in 2015 because so much of the world is in such a financially troubled state.

I came back from the Florida United Numismatists Jan. 11. I had arrived Jan. 7.

It was a show that on balance was positive, but it was not like shooting fish in a barrel for dealers to make profits.

The world coin situation was perhaps best put by Indiana dealer Al Boulanger.

His comment, "I can't sell Russia. The Russian dealers are not here," sums up the results of a financial crisis that has seen the Russian ruble slump from 32 to the dollar to the present 64 .

That is a 50 percent decline in value.
In other words, anything priced in U.S. dollars has doubled for anyone who has assets or income denominated in rubles.

It is no surprise that Russian dealers were not flying to Florida to do business despite the attractions of DisneyWorld for their families as well as the sunshine and warmth seasonally absent from northern climes.

These dealers have taken a big hit to cash working capital. Perhaps they should have swallowed the travel costs and come to the United States to sell what they have previously purchased.

They did not, which is a likely indicator that owners of Russian numismatic material feel that it is a good hedge against the financial fluctuations that are yet to come.

No one a year ago could have forecast such an outcome unless they were privy to Kremlin plans for the Crimea and eastern areas of Ukraine.

Some might suggest that FUN is not the most likely location for Russian deal-

> However, with all of the uncertainty in the financial markets and a question mark about economic growth in the People's Republic, it is logical to assume that no additional waves of purchases will push Chinese prices generally higher this year.
ers, especially in light of the fact that the New York International Numismatic Convention was being conducted simultaneously.

It is a logical suggestion, but Russian buyers were also absent from the New York show.

My colleague George Cuhaj, who is editor of the Standard Catalog of World Coins, was in New York.

He said that in the 42 years he has been attending the event it is only the second time that he has seen dealers leave early.

It also does not help that the European Union's euro has declined in value. To be sure, it has not fallen as sharply as the ruble, but the movement is enough to make coins priced in dollars at American shows seem expensive to someone who works in euros.

As this is written, the financial news headlines state that the euro traded at the same value at which it was introduced in 1999, which was just over $\$ 1.17$.

The peak value for the euro was roughly $\$ 1.60$ achieved in 2008. Its present value has been whacked by over 25 percent from that level, but it was spread out over almost seven years.

China should be mentioned in this picture. It has been the twin strong markets of Russian and Chinese coins that have buoyed world coins generally and a relatively strong euro that underpinned
a healthy market for European and other coins, new issues included, that are favored by European buyers.

It might be said that China is the least changed of these three pillars of the numismatic market. That is true.

However, with all of the uncertainty in the financial markets and a question mark about economic growth in the People's Republic, it is logical to assume that no additional waves of purchases will push Chinese prices generally higher this year.

The long-term Chinese trend should remain intact, but short term, who knows?

That leaves American buyers. They have a strong dollar to play with. They can use them to bid in European auctions. They can support American dealers as well.

The question is will they?
It is too early to tell.
If the American economy can perform as economic forecasters say it will, American collectors will likely feel confident enough to spend more freely.

Perhaps we should start a movement advocating that all collectors spend their savings from lower gasoline prices on their collections.

Simply doing this would have a huge impact on the numismatic market.

That is all it would take to make 2015 a great year. Now we have to sit back a while and watch the year unfold.

## Letters

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## Clinic gizzi penny answer needs to be revised

Mr. Giedroyc's answer to the World Coin Clinic question "What is a Gizzi penny?" is correct except for two points.

Gissi or kissi pennies are made from a twisted iron bar and not copper wire.

Eighteen inches is a nominal length. Some are longer and some are shorter.

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# Royals can face either way on coins <br> $\square$ Is there some rule regarding which <br> was meant to translate to "one empire <br> the most popular are those issued depict- 

way a British sovereign is to be depicted on his or her coinage?

It is a tradition rather than a rule that the reigning sovereign depict his or her profile image facing in the opposite direction from that of the sovereign's predecessor. King Edward VIII, who was never crowned king but whose likeness appears on some rare British coins of 1936, insisted his portrait face the same direction as that of his father. His reasoning? He believed his left side looked better.

■ Is it true Frederick "the Great" of Prussia ordered a silver taler coin to be issued, then quickly withdrawn, after capturing Silos from Austria?

The master of the mint at Burials was given orders to strike such a coin. According to one account, the coins were supposed to carry the legend "Ein Reichsthaler," but instead had a legend reading "En Reich Stall Er." The legend
taler," but was allegedly produced translating to "He stole the empire." To my knowledge all of the coins were melted. I doubt the master of the mint kept his job.
$\square$ I was wondering if you could tell me about these notes I just picked up at a local flea market. I think they are German. I don't know anything about these or what their value might be.

You have German notgeld, a form of emergency money meant to substitute for small change during the financial crisis that followed Germany's defeat in World War I. Notgeld was issued by local municipalities and other entities both in metal and in paper format. The first issues were actually used as money, but the later issues including those of 1923 you have were issued as souvenirs and were sold to make a profit. There are virtually thousands of different notgeld issues, some being more popular than others. Likely
ing the tale of the Pied Piper of Hamlin and the issues of Frankenstein.
$\square$ Are there any coins struck for the German town of Frankenstein?

There are medieval silver denier or pfennig-type coins attributed to Frankenstein that depict either a cross or a knight's helmet. Since there are no legends on these coins it is difficult to ensure these are attributed correctly. The Frankenstein name appears on an obscure early 20 th century metal notgeld issue from the town. Notgeld paper "money" was also issued, however this was meant for the tourist trade rather than to be used as emergency money. There is also a relic medal from the late 19th century lamenting the destruction of the local Rathaus.

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Above, the British called the southern coast of the Persian Gulf the "Pirate Coast" as the Al Qawasim federation harassed British-flagged shipping from the 17th century into the 19th. After campaigns in 1809 and 1819, Britain and a number of local rulers signed a treaty to combat piracy along the Persian Gulf coast, giving rise to the term Trucial States. Eventually the British entered into a treaty, the Exclusive Agreement, with the Rulers of Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Ras AI Khaimah and Umm AI Quwain in March 1892. When the British pulled out in 1971, the trucial States formed the United Arab Emirates. Only about 16 percent of the population of the Emirates are citizens, the rest are foreign workers. In the obverse field, 10 fils in Arabic. Below is UNITED ARAB EMIRATES in English and above in Arabic. The reverse has a dhow above the dates, 1989 and 1409. It is attributed as Krause 3.1. The weight is 7.39 grams and the diameter 27.02 mm .


At the start of World War I, Qatar was an autonomous separate country within the Ottoman Empire. Qatar took part in the successful Arab Revolt against the Ottoman Empire during World War I. As a result, Qatar became a British protectorate on NOv. 3, 1916. In 1968, Britain announced that it would disengage politically in the Persian Gulf in three years. Britain attempted to form a coalition of the seven Trucial States, Bahrain and Qatar. Due to regional disputes, however, Qatar quickly resigned and became independent in1971. On a per capita basis, Qatar is the world's richest country. The obverse has 10 dirhems in Arabic in the field with STATE OF QATAR below in English and above a series of crescents and dots. The reverse has a dhow and two palm trees in the field. Above are the dates, 1973 and 1393 below is Daulat (State) Qatar in Arabic. The attribution is Krause 1. It weighs 7.51 grams with a diameter of 27.04 mm

## End of Ottoman rule affected coin issues

In this month's column we will visit Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and conclude with Turkey. Contact Dool with questions and comments at dool@comcast.net.

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Mehmed VI, the last Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, leaving the country after the abolition of the Ottoman sultanate, Nov. 17, 1922. You could say this was the start of the Republic of Turkey.



The Republic of Turkey is all that is left of the once vast Ottoman Empire. The empire, which was already in decline, entered World War I on the side of the Central Powers; their defeat led to the breakup the empire. The Treaty of Lausanne of July 24,1923, led to the international recognition of the sovereignty of the newly formed Republic of Turkey as the continuing state of the Ottoman Empire. On the obverse, the crescent and star in the field with TURKIYE CUMHURIYETI (Republic of Turkey) on the perimeter. The reverse has a sprig of Quercus cerris (Turkey oak) in the field with 1964 to the right and 5 I KURUS at the left. It is attributed as Krause 890.1.The weight is 2.11 grams and the diameter 17 mm .


## New year, new coin

To ring in the new year, the Royal Mint announced a new coin on Jan. 2, 2015: the United Kingdom's first ever $£ 100$ for $£ 100$ silver commemorative.

Collectors loved it. They snapped up all 50,000 in less than 10 days.

The reverse design by Laura Clancy and Glyn Davies features


The United Kingdom's first ever $£ 100$ for $£ 100$ silver commemorative. the Elizabeth Tower of Westminster Palace whose Great Bell, known across the globe as Big Ben, rings in Britain's New Year.

The design was inspired by the countless tourists who each day strive to photograph the tower. As such the viewer is at street level gazing up at the iconic clock.

Glyn Davies noted, "We visited London and it struck us that it's never possible to get an uninterrupted view of the clock tower without it being obscured in some way by the weather, other tourists or even its own location."

The obverse continues to show the Ian Rank-Broadley portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, which means we have to wait a little longer to see her new and fifth effigy.

Each of the 40 mm diameter coins contains 62.86 g or 2 oz of .999 fine silver. Each of the 50,000 struck was sold for its face value of $£ 100$.

## Fireworks for Sydney

In recent years a small number of world mints have started issuing a coin apiece to mark the solar New Year, in contrast to the hundreds of new issues that now commemorate the Lunar New Year.

Last year the Royal Australian Mint issued a colorized, silver, holographic dollar in conjunction with the City of Sydney for New Year's Eve. Sydney is one of the principle cities that feature in media TV reports of New Year's Eve


The reverse of Australia's solar New Year's Inspire silver dollar shows fireworks bursting over Sydney's landmarks. Image courtesy ram. festivities around the globe. Its spectacular fireworks display is centered around the stage provided by its iconic Harbour Bridge.

This year the RAM and City of Sydney have repeated their joint venture with a second $35.89 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 / 2 \mathrm{oz} .999$ fine silver colorized dollar. It is intended that each year the New Year dollar will feature a theme. In 2015 this theme is "Inspire.'"Mintage, by the way, is 5,000.

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sheep - or any other four-footed, ruminant mammal with horns on its head such as an antelope. Hence some folk and mints refer to the new lunar year as the Year of the Sheep (YOS). And the sheep of the Chinese zodiac is not some woolly lamp chop but a massive feral mountain critter. Think Bighorn or Mouflon.

Regardless of sheep or goat there is little let-up in the outpouring of commemorative lunar pieces. Clearly collector demand has yet to be sated. That said some mintages are down compared with last year and there has been some tweaking of coin denominations and varieties.

There has been one major withdrawal. This past year the Bank of Russia completed a 12-year cycle of lunar coins and has ceased further issues.

Its departure has been more than compensated by an increasing number of retail houses who are doing their own thing and having distinctive legal tender coins struck for one country or another. Downies was among the first to go down this route. They have been joined in the last few years by Australia's Treasures of Oz, Zurich's International Coin House, Modern Numismatics International in the Netherlands and, most recently, Berlin's JVP Investment Coins. Most of these dealers were among the first to release YOG/YOS coins with these appearing on the market since early July.

The YOG/YOS coins detailed here are but a representative sample of the many now available.

As last year mintage details are confined to a summary for each coin type. It provides the diameter, weight, metal composition and mintage in parenthesis where these are available and appropriate. The metal is specified as $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{Ni}$ for cupronickel, $\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{Bz}$ for aluminum bronze, Cu for copper, Ag for silver and Au for gold along with the millennial finesses of Ag or Au .

At the time of writing gold was selling in New York for $\$ 1,155$ a troy ounce with silver at just under $\$ 16.50$ an ounce.

## Lamb tales

Not long after the snake and the horse completed the celestial Great Race run that determined the order of animals in the lunar


Two Niuean silver YOG dollars. At left a, impressively horned billy anticipates a meal of spring blossom. At right a nanny feeds her five hungry kids with cabbage leaves and carrots. Images courtesy Mint of Poland.
showing a Nanny and her Kid on the reverse. All were released in July. The coins come as a proof $(2,500)$, reverse proof $(50,000)$, antique $(2,000)$, gilded proof $(2,500)$, colored proof $(1,000)$, and $\mathrm{BU}(500,000)$. A similar design is available as a gold $\$ 5(11 \mathrm{~mm}, 0.5$ g $.9999 \mathrm{Au}, 1,000$ ) with a different Nanny-and-Kid design on a second, similar-sized, gold $\$ 5$.

In addition two colorized silver $\$ 5 \mathrm{~s}(38.6 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.1 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 1,500)$ depict two traditional Chinese zodiacal ruminants: a Urial Ram found on the lower slopes of K2, the world's second highest mountain, and a Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep.

And for the third year Treasures has produce a pierced lunar $\$ 10$ colorized proof (70 $\mathrm{mm}, 2 \mathrm{oz} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 1,000$ ). Around the ring trot four goats representing four elements: earth, fire, air and water, all linked by the fifth element, the silver metal of the coin.

From Modern Numismatics International (MNI) comes the second Tokelauan lunar proof in their Five Elements series. As last year, the coin is an oval colored \$2 ( $35 \times 45$ $\mathrm{mm}, 31.1 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 2015$ ). A prancing billy-goat pirouettes upon the globe while surrounded by representations of earth, water, air and fire. The fifth element is provided by the metal of the coin.

## Niuean goats

The tiny Pacific island of Niue needs at least four mints to produce its YOG output. In August last came a spectacular proof $\$ 8(65 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mathrm{oz} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 500)$ showing a gilded billy strutting his stuff before two jaded nannies. The coin is designed by Downies’ Suankaew Chueysai and struck by Produits Artistiques Métaux Précieux. The company's last two issues have been rapid sellouts. This one is expected to go the same way.

Zurich-based International Coin House has produced two Niuean YOG coins. The first is a Year of Plenty colorized $\$ 1$ shaped as for a profile horned goat's head (irregu-


A selectively-gilded Billy-goat struts his stuff before a couple of bored Nannies on the reverse of Niue's silver YOG \$8. Image courtesy www.downies.com


JvP's first entry into the lunar stakes goes further than most YOG designs. The Goat is green since this is the Year of the green wood goat while the Goat's position at the finish line in the Great Race is spelled out with a large "8". Image courtesy JVP Investment Coins.



Belarus's stunning YOS proof 20 rubles, complete with color, gilding, and Swarovski crystal. NThe reverse is dated 2014 for year of minting but 2015 is gilded to denote the Year of the Sheep. Image courtesy National Bank of the Republic of Belarus.


Reverse designs of Perth Mint's YOG colorized gold (left) and silver (right) proof and bullion coins. Images courtesy Perth Mint.


An emerald-eyed Billy-goat features on Perth Mint's 1 kilo silver \$30. Image courtesy Perth Mint.

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lar, $28.28 \mathrm{~g} .925 \mathrm{Ag}, 5,000$ ). The obverse displays a cornucopia. The second is a Year of Happiness colorized round \$1 ( $38.61 \mathrm{~mm}, 28.28 \mathrm{~g} .925 \mathrm{Ag}, 5,000$ ).

From the Mint of Poland come three distinct silver dollars. One designed by Aneta Mozejewska ( $38.61 \mathrm{~mm}, 16.81 \mathrm{~g}$ $.999 \mathrm{Ag}, 6,000$ ) is selectively gold-plated.

It features a cherub riding a goat cart beneath a starry sky.

The second ( $38.61 \mathrm{~mm}, 28.28 \mathrm{~g} .925$ $\mathrm{Ag}, 1,500$ ) shows a superbly horned goat contemplating a meal of spring blossom. Below are seven gilded bells.

The third by Piotr Demitraszek and Beata Kulesza-Damaziak ( 41.00 mm , $16.81 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 6.000$ ) is cabbageshaped. It comes in a cabbage-shaped box with the reverse showing a nanny passing out cabbage leaves and carrots to five hungry kids.

And Germany's JVP Investment Coins Berlin has joined the annual lunacy with a stunning proof $\$ 2(40 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.1 \mathrm{~g} .999$ $\mathrm{Ag}, 1,500)$. Its design is more comprehensive than most YOG coins. The coming year is a Year of the Green Wood Goat/ Sheep and hence the animal is shown in green. In the lower part of the design a large " 8 " shows the position the goat/ sheep holds in the lunar zodiac.

## Belarus' sheep

Belarus has produced its third lunar coin. As in the past two years, their YOG contribution comes as a stunningly different proof 20 rubles $(38.61 \mathrm{~mm}, 33.63 \mathrm{~g}$
$.925 \mathrm{Ag}, 3,000$ ), dated 2014 and struck at the Kazakhstan Mint.

The reverse displays five woolly sheep circling the gilded Chinese character for sheep surrounded by clouds and zodiacal stars. Below is the simple legend that translates YEAR OF THE SHEEP.

On the obverse artistically stylized and selectively gilded sun, moon and clockwork elements enclose a central Swarovski cubic zirconia and are, in turn, bounded by solar year dates for the next 12 years commencing 2013. The year 2015 is gilded.

## Australia - Perth goats

The Perth Mint's eighth issue of their Series II lunar coins includes the traditional proofs and bullion seen in previous years along with specialties. A summary is given below but readers need to keep a weather-eye on Perth's website: www. perthmint.com.au. Further releases are to be expected throughout the coming lunar year, e.g. for the Berlin Fair.

The reverse of all gold issues shows a single mature Ibex standing proud and alert. The silver carries a Cashmere goat family portrait: Billy, nanny and one of the kids. Both coins carry the Chinese character for goat along with the "P" mintmark for The Perth Mint where appropriate. Both designs are the work of Natasha Muhl.

Proofs: As in previous years, the three .9999 Au proofs consist of: \$15 (18.60 $\mathrm{mm}, 1 / 10$ oz $5,000,5,000$ ), \$25 (22.60 $\mathrm{mm}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{oz}, 5,000)$ and $\$ 100(39.34 \mathrm{~mm}$, $1 \mathrm{oz}, 3,000)$. Mintages are somewhat less than last year and include 1,500 threecoin sets containing one of each proof.

For the third year running Perth's gold proof lunar issues are also available with colored reverses. Mintages are 5,000 each of the $\$ 15$ and $\$ 25$ and 3,000 of the $\$ 100$.

The four .999 Ag proofs are 50 cents ( $36.60 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}, 9,000$ ), \$1 ( 45.60 mm , $1 \mathrm{oz}, 8,500), \$ 2(55.60 \mathrm{~mm}, 2 \mathrm{oz}, 2,000)$ and $\$ 30$ ( $100.60 \mathrm{~mm}, 1$ kilo, 500). The mintages include 1,000 sets containing the 50 cents, $\$ 1$ and $\$ 2$ coins. These are the same mintages as last year.

As usual Perth's silver lunar \$1 and 50 cents are available as colored proofs. Mintages are 10,000 each.

Bullion: Perth's .9999 Au lunar bullion is in its 20th year while the .999 Ag bullion marks its 17th. For the YOG there are eight gold and seven silver coins.

There is no mintage limit on the gold \$5 (1.556 g), \$15 (13.111 g), \$25 (7.777 $\mathrm{g}), \$ 50(15.554 \mathrm{~g}), \$ 200(62.215 \mathrm{~g})$, $\$ 1,000(311.067 \mathrm{~g})$ and $\$ 3,000(1000.100$ g) coins but production will close at the


Obverse and reverse of colorized Niuean silver dollar shaped as for a profile horned-sheep's head. Image courtesy International Coin House, Zurich.


Reverses of four of the RCM's YOS coins. From left: Aries Cheung's silver \$15 proof, Simon Ng's Bighorn \$5 gold, Three Degrees Creative Group colorized 1 kilo $\$ 250$ silver proof, and Simon Ng's colored Bighorn \$5 - the first release of a new lunar series. Images courtesy Royal Canadian Mint.
end of 2015. However, no more than $30,000 \$ 100(31.112 \mathrm{~g})$ coins will be struck.

And there is no mintage limit for the silver 50 cents ( 15.591 g ), \$2 ( 62.270 g), $\$ 5(155.673 \mathrm{~g}), \$ 10(311.347 \mathrm{~g})$, $\$ 30(10001.002 \mathrm{~g})$ coins but production will close at the end of 2015. Up to 150 silver $\$ 300(10010.00 \mathrm{~g})$ and $300,000 \$ 1$ $(31.135 \mathrm{~g})$ coins will be struck.

There will be no 10 kg gold $\$ 30,000$ pieces this year but a 10 kg silver $\$ 300$ will be offered at some point in the New Year. Planned mintage is believed to be 150.

Transformations: Gilded, colored, bullion and proof versions of the silver dollar are available as a single packaged set with a mintage of 1,500 . This coin is also available as a high relief striking on a 6 mm
thick flan $(32.60 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.135 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}$, 6,500 ).

And once again Perth has released a colorized 1 kilo silver $\$ 30(5,000)$ with an emerald sparkling in the one of the billy goat's eyes.

The obverse of all of Perth's coins shows the Ian Rank-Broadley effigy of Queen Elizabeth II, the 2015 solar yeardate, the monetary denomination and, where appropriate, the weight, composition and fineness of the precious metal. If your local dealer can't supply, try Perth's web shop: www.perthmint.com.au

## Canadian moutons

The Royal Canadian Mint was quick off the mark with this year's lunar issues. All were on the streets by August last.

And for the RCM it is very much the Year of the Wood Sheep or, for the Québécois, l'Année du Mouton en Bois. The coins continue the series of recent years but with a couple of new additions. Some mintages are down on last year.

Designs by Aries Cheung are again to the fore: a $\$ 15$ proof ( $38 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.39 \mathrm{~g}$ $.9999 \mathrm{Ag}, 18,888$ ) and a $\$ 150$ proof (28 $\mathrm{mm}, 11.84 \mathrm{~g} .750 \mathrm{Au}, 2.500$ ).

Canadian artist Simon Ng makes his second appearance with a three-quarter profile of a Bighorn Sheep (Ovis canadensis canadensis). The background is filled by a stand of bamboo, a symbol of longevity. This design appears on the reverse of a $\$ 10(34 \mathrm{~mm}, 15.87 \mathrm{~g} .9999$ $\mathrm{Ag}, 28,888)$ and a new $\$ 5(16 \mathrm{~mm}, 3.14 \mathrm{~g}$ $.9999 \mathrm{Au}, 2,888)$.

For the sixth year the RCM has struck its distinctively-shaped, scalloped lunar Lotus $\$ 15$ designed by Three Degrees Creative Group ( $38 \mathrm{~mm}, 26.7 \mathrm{~g} .9999 \mathrm{Ag}$, 18,888 ).

The same Three Degrees design features on the reverses of the RCM's two 1 kilo proof lunar coins introduced two years back: $\$ 250$ ( 102.1 mm , 1 kilo .9999 $\mathrm{Ag}, 388)$ and $\$ 2,500(101.6 \mathrm{~mm}$, 1 kilo $.9999 \mathrm{Au}, 10$ ). This year the $\$ 250$ disports a branch of colored maple leaves at upper left.

A second new addition to the RCM's lunar stable is a silver $\$ 5$ proof (36.07, $23.17 \mathrm{~g} .9999 \mathrm{Ag}, 8,888$ ). The reverse design by Simon Ng sports a colorized Bighorn Sheep. This is the first coin in a planned 12-year series.

All coins feature the RCM's distinctive, uncrowned effigy of Queen Elizabeth II by Susanna Blunt. Collectors can try www.mint.ca if their neighborhood dealer is unable to supply.


Common reverse design by Chrissy Lau for the RAM's gold and silver YoG series. Image courtesy RAM.


Fiji's two colorized yin-yang silver dollars. Images courtesy treasuresofoz.net


Reverse of Fiji's filigree YOG dollar. Image courtesy treasuresofoz.net

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## Kazakhstan

In past years Kazakhstan has issued a number of lunar coins. For the Y)G it has produced both silver and gold 500 tenge ( $38.61 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.1 \mathrm{~g} .925 \mathrm{Ag} ; 21.87 \mathrm{~mm}$, $7.78 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Au})$.

More information can be obtained from the National Bank of Kazakhstan, www.nationalbank.kz.

## Australia - RAM's goats

For its eighth set of lunar coins the Royal Australian Mint has rung a few changes. Six coins have a common reverse design by Chrissy Lau showing a group of goats gathered beneath an auspicious flowering plum tree. They are surrounded by design elements used on previous RAM lunar coins designed by Vladimir Gottwald.

The six coins are a BU dollar ( 25 $\mathrm{mm}, 9 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{Al-Bz}, 20,000$ ), proof dollar ( 25 $\mathrm{mm}, 11.66 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 10,000$ ), proof $\$ 10$ ( $17.53 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 / 10$ th oz $.9999 \mathrm{Au}, 1,500$ ), proof dollar ( $40 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 \mathrm{oz} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 5,000$ ), proof $\$ 10(65.10 \mathrm{~mm}, .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 500)$, and proof $\$ 30$ ( $99.95 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 \mathrm{~kg} .999$ fine Ag , 500).

And for a fourth year the Mint has produced a 31.51 mm tetradecagonal 50 cents. This year the coin comes in two versions: $\mathrm{BU}(15.37 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{Ni}, 50,000)$ and frosted UNC ( 16.20 g .999 Ag , unspec-


Common reverse designed by WuonGean Ho of Great Britain's second, silver, Shengxiào Collection Iunar coins as illustrated by this silver proof £2. Image courtesy Royal Mint.
ified). The design by Alex Vorodeyev shows a domestic nanny and her kid.

All RAM issues can be sourced from the Mint's e-Shop, www.ramint.gov.au, or from www.downies.com.

## Great Britain's sheep

The Year of the Sheep sees Britain's Royal Mint issue the second coins for its Shengxiào Collection. Once again the coin designs are the work of British artist and printmaker Wuon-Gean Ho who found inspiration in past veterinary experiences, particularly her memories of the lambing season.

As in the Year of the Horse, six coins are being issued but with some differences in mintages, composition and finish. The six consist of $£ 500$ "proof-like" ( 65 mm , $156.29 \mathrm{~g} .9999 \mathrm{Au}, 38$ ), £100 proof ( 32.69 $\mathrm{mm}, 31.21 \mathrm{~g} .9999 \mathrm{Au}, 888)$, £10 BU ( $16.50 \mathrm{~mm}, 3.13 \mathrm{~g} .9999 \mathrm{Au}, 2,888$ ), £2 proof ( $38.61 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.21 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}$ plated with $.9999 \mathrm{Au}, 4,888$ ), £2 proof (38.61 $\mathrm{mm}, 31.21 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 11,888$ ), and $£ 10$ proof $(65.00 \mathrm{~mm}, 156.295 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}$, $1,088)$. The $£ 2$ and $£ 10$ proofs are available individually and as part of PNCs.

There are two BU bullion issues: $£ 100$ ( $32.69 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.21 \mathrm{~g} .9999 \mathrm{Au}, 30,000$ ) and $£ 2(38.61 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.21 \mathrm{~g} .9999 \mathrm{Ag}$, $300,000)$.

## Fijian goats

The sixth tranche of lunar coins from the Republic of Fiji includes the popular yin-yang dollars $(49.90 \mathrm{~mm}$ as a pair, 16.81 g .925 Ag as a single coin, 1,500 ) and silver filigree dollar ( $38.61 \mathrm{~mm}, 20.5$ $\mathrm{g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 1,500$ ). This year the filigree goat head is gold plated.


Two of the Cook Island's YOG silver goat family coins struck by Perth Mint. Images courtesy Perth Mint.


Once again both lunar coins have been struck by Den Kongelige Mynt (Royal Norwegian Mint) and are available from Treasures of Oz , www.treasuresofoz.net. Collectors need to be in quick as both mintages are down.

From an unknown source comes a partially gilded goat family on a proof $\$ 10(40.00 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.1 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 8,888)$, that shows a centrally located pearl on the reverse.

All Fiji coins display the country's coat-of-arms on the obverse in the place of Queen Elizabeth II, who featured until last year.

## Macau's goat

The Monetary Authority of Macau announced the eighth coin in their lunar series on Aug. 21: colorized proof 250 patacas ( $21.96 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{oz} .9999 \mathrm{Au}$, 5,000 ), colorized proof 100 patacas ( 65 $\mathrm{mm}, 5 \mathrm{zz} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 2000$ ), and colorized proof 20 patacas ( $40.70 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 \mathrm{oz} .999$ $\mathrm{Ag}, 8,000$ ).

The reverse of all coins shows a quite serene goat emerging from a brilliantly hued rhododendron thicket. The UNESCO World Heritage Site depicted on the back is one of Macau's oldest historical structures, the Mount Fortress.

There is an increasing demand for
these coins and The Singapore Mint was looking at balloting the 250 patacas because of demand.

Both Banco National Ultramarino (BNU) and Bank of China (BOC) have been issuing specially designed 10 pataca lunar notes since 2012. Their Year of the Goat/Sheep issues were released on Oct. 6.

Both notes are printed in auspicious red. Both have closely similar designs.

The face shows a stylized goat decorated with a lotus blossom - the national flower of Macau. Behind is displayed the 12-fold Chinese zodiacal cycle with each of its divisions labeled with its appropriate animal in Chinese. The serial number prefix is shown as symbol Yi Wèi, the formal names of the Heavenly Stem and of Earthly Branch associated with the new Year of the Goat/Sheep.

Each note's back shows a mirror image of the stylized goat on the note's face. In the center foreground Chinese children celebrate the New Year with fireworks. Behind stands the Ma Zu Buddhist temple that has been a consistent feature on lower value Macau notes for some 60 years. Alongside is the current head office building of the appropriate bank.

In 2012 both banks issued 10 million 10-pataca bank notes for the Year of the


Macau's colorized YOG gold 250 patacas. Images courtesy Singapore Mint.


Reverse of Laos' silver proof YOG 2000 kip with its central jade core. Image courtesy www.downies.com.

Dragon. Since then they have been authorized to issue up to 20 million lunar notes, but the exact number released each year is not known.

## Laos's goat

The fourth lunar coin from Laos follows the pattern of previous issues. The reverse of the selectively gold-plated 2000 kip proof ( $55 \mathrm{~mm}, 62.2 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 2,888$ ) contains an inset ring of Burmese jade carrying appropriate YOG inscriptions in both Chinese and English. The silver ring encircling the jade core displays a herd of horned mountain-going goats. The coin is struck by MDM Münzhandelsgesellschaft mbH .

## Chèvre de France

For "Année de la Chèvre" Monnaie de Paris continues its cross-cultural mix that characterizes its lunar series. The goat on the obverse is modeled on one from

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Reverse of Cooks Islands' massive 5 oz lunar silver $\$ 25$ whose impressive goat is engraved in mother of pearl. Image courtesy www. downies.com.


On the reverse of Tuvalu's silver 50 cents a lunar kid checks out cross-cultural Christmas gifts. Image courtesy Perth Mint


The reverse design for this year's PRC uncolorized YOG round, rectangular, fan-shaped and plum blossom lunar proofs. It shows an Argali backed by the essence of a celestial Sheep. Left: gold $¥ 10,000$ plum blossom; right silver $¥ 10$ fan. Images courtesy China Gold.


A colorized traditional, if somewhat Picassoesque folk sheep tramples auspicious peonies on a silver $¥ 50$. Image courtesy China Gold.


Top of Singapore Mint's lunar line: 2 oz . 999 fine silver colorized $\$ 10$ piedfort proof. Image courtesy Singapore Mint.

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Chinese pottery. The reverse depicts the 17th century French fabulist, Jean de La Fontaine, along with all 12 lunar animals.

At the time of writing there were just two coins available: a 50 -eruo proof ( 22 $\mathrm{mm}, 8,45 \mathrm{~g} .920 \mathrm{AU}, 1,000$ ) and 10 euro $(37 \mathrm{~mm}, 22.2 \mathrm{~g} .900 \mathrm{Ag}, 10,000)$. No 200euro gold proof had yet been announced, as happened last year, but one report indicates it will appear again.

The coins were available from the e-boutique at www.monnaiedeparis.fr.

## Cook Islands' goats

For the fifth year the Cook Islands have issued four rectangular 1 oz .999 fine silver lunar dollars ( $47.60 \times 27.60$ $\mathrm{mm}, 31.135 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 3000$ ) courtesy of Perth Mint.

The designs by Tom Vaughan depict four different colored goat families set against a mountain landscape. Together the four designs produce a single linked image.

And for a second year MDM has struck a massive 5 oz silver proof for the Cooks ( $65 \mathrm{~mm}, 155.5 \mathrm{~g} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 888$ ) in which the lunar animal is engraved in mother of pearl. This year the coin is denominated as $\$ 25$ unlike 2014 when a similar piece was assigned $\$ 50$. Last year MDM produced a similar 5 oz gold but a repeat for the YOG had not been announced at the time of writing.

## Tuvalu's baby goat

Tuvalu has reclaimed its baby lunar animal franchise that was taken over last year by the Cook Islands. Once again the lunar baby disports on a Tuvaluan colorized 50 cents $(36.60 \mathrm{~mm}, 15.591 \mathrm{~g}$ $.999 \mathrm{Ag}, 7,500$ ) alongside the seasonal festive gifts and odd snowflake of another culture.

The coin is available from www.perthmint.com.au.

For a second year The Perth Mint has issued two colorized "Wealth \& Wisdom" lunar dollars ( $40.10 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.135 \mathrm{~g} .999$ $\mathrm{Ag}, 1,500$ ) for Tuvalu. The two are sold as a set. Designs are by Tom Vaughn.

## Chinese argali \& goat

As last year there are 16 YOS/G issues for The People's Bank of China. They consist of nine gold and seven silver rounds, rectangles, auspicious fans and propitious plum blossoms, as well as selectively colored folk-themed issues. The denominations differ slightly from last year. For YOS there is no 1 kg round gold $¥ 10,000$ coin. Its place has been supplanted by a 1 kg scalloped plum blossom


Singapore's second $13-\mathrm{in}-1,96 \mathrm{~mm}, 8 \mathrm{oz}$ silver, interlocking, lunar jigsaw coins. Image courtesy Singapore Mint.
gold $¥ 10,000$.
On the obverse the national emblem of the People's Republic of China is set in a wreath of auspicious lotus flowers and fish invoking a further year of plenty.

The reverse of all the uncolored rounds, rectangles, fans and plum blossoms features an Argali ram standing four square and proud before the spirit of a celestial sheep. The lunar year is shown using the official name of the eighth Earthly Branch rather than identifying it with a "four-footed, ruminant mammal with horns on its head."

The proof .999 Au consist of rounds: a $¥ 100,000(180 \mathrm{~mm}, 10 \mathrm{~kg}, 18)$, $¥ 20,000$ ( $110 \mathrm{~mm}, 2 \mathrm{~kg}, 100$ ), $¥ 50$ ( $18 \mathrm{~mm}, 3.11$ g, 120,000 ); a rectangle: $¥ 2,000$ ( $64 \times 40$ $\mathrm{mm}, 155.52 \mathrm{~g}, 2,000$ ); fan-shaped: $¥ 150$ ( $10.368 \mathrm{~g}, 30,000$ ); and scalloped plum blossom: $¥ 10,000$ ( $100 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 \mathrm{~kg}, 118$ ), $¥ 200$ ( $27 \mathrm{~mm}, 15.552 \mathrm{~g}, 8,000$ ).

The proof .999 Ag includes rounds: $¥ 300$ ( $100 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 \mathrm{~kg}, 10,000$ ) and $¥ 10$ ( $40 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.104 \mathrm{~g}, 200,000$ ); rectangle: $¥ 50$ ( $80 \times 50 \mathrm{~mm}, 155.52 \mathrm{~g}, 20,000$ ); fanshaped: $¥ 10(31.104 \mathrm{~g}, 80,000)$; and plum blossom: $¥ 10(40 \mathrm{~mm}, 31.104 \mathrm{~g}, 60,000)$.

Four selectively colored round proofs show a Picassoesque, but traditional Chinese folk Goat, redolent with auspicious peonies and disporting on a field of lotus blossoms. The .999 Au consist of a $¥ 2000$ ( 60 mm , $155.52 \mathrm{~g}, 3,000)$ and a $¥ 50(18 \mathrm{~mm}, 3.11$ $\mathrm{g}, 120,000$ ); the proof .999 Ag coins are $¥ 50(70 \mathrm{~mm}, 155,52 \mathrm{~g}, 30,000)$ and $¥ 10(40$ $\mathrm{mm}, 31.104 \mathrm{~g}, 220,000)$.

All coins are legal tender of the People's Republic of China. If your local dealer cannot supply any of the above, try China Great Wall Coins, www.chinacoin.com.hk, or Mrs. Anita Chou: anita@ gwcoin.imsbiz.com.hk.

## Singapore's goats

Singapore was the last of the major world mints to issue YOG coins, its thirtythird lunar issue. It did so on Nov. 20.

Along with their traditional nine gold, silver and base metal coins the mint has released its second almanac coin puzzle set ( $96 \mathrm{~mm}, 8 \mathrm{oz} .999 \mathrm{Ag}, 3,000$ ). As was the case last year this comprises a central $\$ 10$ coin surrounded by 12 interlocking jigsaw $\$ 2$ coins, each depicting one of the 12 lunar animals and using designs from one of Singapore's earlier coin series. The central coin features Singapore's national flower, the orchid Vanda Miss Joaquim, plated in gold to commemorate the nation's golden jubilee in 2015.

All the coin reverses, like those of this year's PRC coins, display the formal name of the eighth Earthly Branch associated with the new lunar year: (Yi Wèi), with the character repeated across the field behind the lunar goat.

The . 9999 fine Au coins include: $\$ 200$ ( $60 \mathrm{~mm}, 155.52 \mathrm{~g}, 200$ ), \$100 ( 33 mm , $31.10 \mathrm{~g}, 2000)$, $\$ 5(21.96 \mathrm{~mm}, 7.78 \mathrm{~g}$, 2000), and $\$ 1$ ( $7 \mathrm{~mm}, 0.3 \mathrm{~g}, 10,000$ ).

The .999 fine Ag coins consist of an $\$ 80(100 \mathrm{~mm}, 1 \mathrm{~kg}, 500), \$ 25(65.00 \mathrm{~mm}$, $155.52 \mathrm{~g}, 250$ ), $\$ 2$ proof ( $38.70 \mathrm{~mm}, 20$ $\mathrm{g}, 10,000$ ), and $\$ 10$ colorized piedfort $(45.00 \mathrm{~mm}, 62.21 \mathrm{~g}, 20,000)$.

For those not into precious metals, the $\$ 2$ coin is also available in "proof-like" cupronickel ( $38.70 \mathrm{~mm}, 20 \mathrm{~g}, 80,000$ ).

And, as in the past, Singapore's lunar coins are also available in $2-\mathrm{in}-1$ and 3 -in1 sets some of which come with an eightsided, floral-shaped ingot featuring a goat family dining al fresco.

The coins themselves are available from www.mint.com.sg, or if you are a most auspicious wood goat, from your favorite coin dealer. The popularity of the silver $\$ 25$ coin has seen its availability restricted to balloting.

## But there's more!

There is an abundance of further lunar coins available to collectors in 2015. Unfortunately many issuing countries and mints failed to provide mintage details and/or images.

And always remember caveat emptor! Buy solely from reputable sources. Numerous replica and unauthorized lunar coins - and notes - continue to appear on the market. Some are plated and/or underweight. These are commonplace on the Internet.

Otherwise, numismatists should perhaps welcome the Year of the Goat with that cry familiar to all Chinese children: "Live long and prosper, now give me the money!"

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# ISIS specie an experiment in terror 

Coin collectors who are interested in the history of their prize numismatic artifacts are occasionally accused of living in the past. Reminiscing about the past is one thing. Living in the past physically is another. The terrorist group ISIS currently occupying parts of Syria and Iraq is a prime example of an organization that thinks they can bring back "the good old days."

There are politicians in Russia who would like to restore the former Soviet Union. There are British politicians who would like the sun to once more never set on the British Empire. All of these people would agree if they ever succeeded they would need to adopt their politics to today's world. They're interests are not focused on living in the past, but in restoring the glory of the past in a modern environment.

When a would-be political power decides to practice such antiquated and barbaric practices as beheading all of its prisoners, murdering a messenger from another group simply because they didn't like the message, or reverting to social practices the rest of the world abandoned centuries earlier this can be seen as trying to live in the past. This is an attempt to roll back the clock. This isn't an attempt to regain the glory of a former empire, but to truly live in the past.

You can't just roll back the calendar socially, politically, and economically. We live in a world of fiat money. The gold standard for coins was abandoned worldwide during the early 20th century. The silver standard for coins was abandoned during the 1960s. Since that time there have been a few attempts to reintroduce specie coinage, coins that are accepted at their intrinsic value rather than due to the trust of the public in the economy and political system for which it stands. All such attempts at resurrecting specie coinage have failed. People have simply hoarded rather than used the precious metal coins.

So, what makes the terrorist organization ISIS think their plans to introduced precious metal coins into regions they now occupy will work? This will be an interesting experiment, but insisting gold dinar and silver dirham coins such as those used
by medieval Islamic caliphates is the way to go is naïve, if not ignorant.

The ratio between gold and silver fluctuates daily. The spot price of gold and silver likewise fluctuates daily, increasing or decreasing the purchasing power of any coins of these metals that are in circulation. The number of coins, precious metal or not, in circulation is only a fraction of the money supply circulating today. Precious metal coins were in use at a time when far fewer coins were needed. Many of the coins in use even during this past time were base metal coins, the gold and silver being used primarily by the wealthier classes. The realities are that you can never go home anymore. The day of specie payment is over.

The Nov. 19 issue of New Statesman has an excellent explanation of what ISIS can expect to experience once it issues precious metal coins. According to the article, "Problems with the gold standard include finding the metal: greater availability leads to inflation; scarcity leads to deflation, which limits demand and cuts investment. The coins themselves are subject to clipping, people cutting small bits off the edges, and hoarding, as Germany experienced in the lead up to its hyper-inflation in the early-1920s. Harsh punishments will not help bolster the currency as people become wary of handling clipped coinage, avoid all but the most essential transactions or resort to barter. Sooner or later gold and silver currencies have to be debased."

A referendum in Switzerland mandating that the Swiss central bank boost its gold reserves from eight to 20 percent was recently defeated. Shouldn't this send a message?

You can change the images on your coins to conform to what is acceptable to your religious or political beliefs. To try to force an economic system into something that was abandoned a long time ago by the rest of the world demonstrates a lack of a grasp on reality. "Off with their heads" went out with Alice in Wonderland.

Should ISIS ever succeed in issuing its specie coinage it will be interesting to see how long this specie system lasts.

# Antiquities aren't financing ISIS, dealers say 

There may be rumors, but there is no basis to accusations antiquities are contributing to the funding of the terrorist group ISIS, according to the International Association of Dealers in Ancient Art.

On Nov. 27 IADAA released a statement reading, "Exhaustive investigation has revealed that the most important sources of the allegation the trade in ancient objects would finance IS[IS] are not existing. IADAA is summarizing the latest state of knowledge. In our press release of Oct. 21, 2014, we pointed out that the validity of the facts and figures presented in the suggestive broadcast Das geplunderte Erbe (which have been adopted by many media) of the German trade in ancient art being involved in
funding ISIS are extremely unlikely. During the last week, two articles have been published by independent parties supporting our point of view, one from Suddeutsche Zeitung [newspaper], the other the blog 'Chasing Aphroditeâ.'

IADAA currently has 32 members in eight countries. The IADAA findings did not name ancient coins specifically, but since antiquities were being addressed associated coins are implied as well.

The rumor appears to have been initiated in the June 15 issue of The Guardian newspaper where CIA and other officials were reported as finding evidence of ancient art funding ISIS among the personal affects of recently killed ISIS member Abdulrahman al-

Bilawi. This report has never been substantiated.

According to the Nov. 15 issue of Suddeutsche Zeitung, "His broadcast [broadcast by Vokmar Kabisch] 'Das geplunderte Erbe' is still aired by Phoenix. The IADAA demands that this and similar broadcasts that are based on false and obsolete information are removed from the program at once."
'Chasing Aphrodite' presented other information. According to the blog, "Danti [Boston University Assistant Professor Michael Danti] had published an article in the magazine Foreign Policy on Oct. 17, 2014, in which he called the illicit trade with ancient objects the sec-

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# Counterfeit coins spread worldwide 

Circulating coins are small change, aren't they? Larger denominations are in bank note form, encouraging counterfeiters to make fake notes rather than coins-right?

Well, if this is true, why are there everincreasing reports of counterfeit contemporary circulation strike coins appearing in ever-increasing numbers worldwide? The reason is that there are a significant number of countries that in recent years have replaced their lower denomination bank notes with coins. Many of these low denomination bank notes had a life span of perhaps six to 18 months, while the coins with which they have been replaced are anticipated to still be circulating 20 to as much as 40 years later. Only U.S. Congress could ignore this cost-saving measure.

Australia circulates coins in denominations as high as $\$ 5$ (about $\$ 4.25$ US). Canada has a $\$ 2$ face value coin equal to about $\$ 1.80$ US. The European Union has a 2 -euro coin with an exchange value of more than $\$ 2.40$ US. Japan uses a $500-$ yen coin with an exchange value of more than $\$ 6$ US. These are not small change values and as such are increasingly catch-
ing the attention of counterfeiters.
The Sept. 28 issue of South China Morning Post newspaper quoted Japan Mint Director of the Overseas Business Division Kazuya Izumi as saying, "Our production technologies, such as those to provide latent images and the helically milled edge that have been applied to the 500 -yen coin, are greatly admired in the world."

These coins may be greatly admired, but the latent images and special milling are meant to deter counterfeiters.

Great Britain’s $£ 1$ coin has been the target of counterfeiters as well. The Nov. 23 Fermanagh Herald newspaper reported the British Royal Mint has advised local banks that the banks will not be reimbursed for fake $£ 1$ coins. An unnamed banking spokesman in Fermanagh (Ireland) was quoted by the newspaper as saying, "nearly all of us will be handling at least a few fakes each year."

The situation is particularly bad in several area of the United Kingdom. Fermanagh bank inspector Roy Robinson described how to identify bogus coins for the newspaper, saying: "The lettering on the side is poorly aligned, the milled edge
may be poorly defined or the lettering uneven in depth and spacing. The coloring may appear more shiny and golden than normal, with little sign of aging."

Perhaps the most blatant coin counterfeiting now in progress is a cyber forgery that has targeted Thailand. Thailand's Treasury Department has stated the 2016dated 2-baht coins (Yes, 2016, not 2015!) now being sold on the Internet are counterfeits.

According to the Nov. 5 Pattaya Mail newspaper, "Director-General of the Treasury Department Naris Chaisutr dismissed a rumor that many coin collectors have been gathering these silver-colored 2 baht coins for speculation. He also stated that the coins were fake, as the department has stopped distributing sil-ver-colored 2-baht coins since 2008 and reverted to producing the gold-colored ones instead. Investigations reveal that the photos of the silver-colored 2-baht coins for 2016 that were posted online might have been photo-shopped by basing it on the image of an actual silver-colored 2-baht coin for 2006."

What hasn't been confirmed yet is if any of these bogus coins exist physically.

## Italian police seize 'Shanghai money'

A significant cache of counterfeit euro coins originating from China was seized December 12 by police in Naples, Italy.

Palermo prosecutor Calogero Ferrara was the lead investigator into what is being called the "Shanghai Money" investigation. According to Ferrara, this is the largest seizure of euro currency since European Union currency was introduced in January 2002. The seizure involved 556,000 euros face value (about $\$ 692,000$ US) in coins, 306,000 of them being 1 - and 2-euro coins.

The Carabinieri paramilitary police warrant was reported by the Reuters news service to read, "They [the coins] were high-quality fakes produced at a clandestine Chinese mint and ready to be put on the Italian market just before the Christmas spending rush."

The police arrested 12 individuals, four being Chinese nationals, on charges of conspiracy to produce and distribute counterfeit money.

What is particularly disturbing is that Ferrara told reporters the 2-euro counterfeit coins are what he called "a perfect product" unable to be distinguished from genuine coins unless examined under magnification. What is worse, the fakes are capable of being accepted by vending machines.

The Chinese newspaper Beijing News recently reported fake euro coins being sold on the Alibaba Internet online shopping site Taobao.

The newspaper source was the Chinese micro-blogging site Sina Weibo. According to a Weibo user's on-line comment, "The yuan-to-euro exchange rate is less than eight and people are spending 500 yuan to buy fakes. Unbelievable!"

Taobao officials were reported to be addressing the illegal sale of the counterfeit coins. According to the newspaper, "... [Taobao] staff have been looking into whether the coins are real or counterfeit, and promise that any illegal products will be removed from the site."

The Beijing newspaper also reported coin specialist Yuan Yinglong telling the newspaper counterfeiting coins is no longer difficult due to current manufacturing technology.

While the 'Shanghai Money' arrests are drawing attention to counterfeit euro coins, the European Central Bank has been quick to point out that the bogus coins represent only a fraction of the total number of coins in circulation throughout the EU.

Italian police have been busy tracking down euro coin and bank note counterfeiters ever since the introduction of the euro. Authorities encountered their first fake euros within days of the introduction of the new currency. The first large scale counterfeiting raid took place about six months later.

Statistics from 2012 indicated EU member European central banks were withdrawing between 550,000 and 800,000 counterfeit euro bank notes from circulation annually at that time.

## Italian counterfeiters linked to mafia

Police in Carabinieri, Italy, arrested 56 people in the Naples metropolitan region in early December 2014, charging them with counterfeiting coins and primarily bank notes.

Officials acknowledged that those being arrested were suspected of being members of the Napoli Group. The crime organization has been dubbed the Napoli Group by Europol investigators. Who or what is the Napoli Group, you ask?

The Napoli Group is a counterfeiting crime group, likely closely associated with the Camorra Mafia crime syndicate believed to be based in Naples. The December 4, 2014 issue of The Independent newspaper in London said the Napoli Group may be responsible for making and distributing 90 percent of the fake money now circulating worldwide.

The Napoli Group is better than being well organized. It even has its own argot. Money is referred to as "postcards," "gnocchi," or "shoes," while US dollars are referred to as 'Americans' or
'embassies.' Among the Napoli Group's recent achievements is to successfully pass fake 300 bank notes in Germany, quite a task considering the European Union doesn't have a bank note of that denomination!

According to the European Central Bank's Anti-Counterfeiting Section chief Allister McCallum, counterfeiters tend to fall into one of three categories: amateurs with nothing more than an ink-jet printer; rogue states; and skilled professionals. The Napoli Group obviously falls into the third group.

The recent arrests will not put the Napoli Group out of business, but the arrests may in turn lead to more arrests elsewhere. Newspapers reported related arrests in Avellino, Genova, Palermo, and in Turin in Italy during early December.

Naples prosecutor Giovanni Colangelo identified 10 distinct criminal groups involved in the counterfeiting in the November 26, 2014 issue of The Telegraph newspaper. According to Colangelo, each of these groups
specializes in a different stage of the counterfeiting process. These stages range from purchasing off-set printing equipment to buying the appropriate paper and ink to the physical distribution of the money. The fake currency is distributed through Albania, Bulgaria, Colombia, France, Germany, Iran, Iraq, Morocco, Russia, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey among other places, all of which use significant amounts of physical cash in daily commerce.

The recent arrests followed a twoyear police investigation. The investigation was initiated by the discovery of a counterfeiter's printing press in Arzano near Naples. Europol disclosed through the May 2012 issue of the German publication Diplomatisches-magazin that there are two major counterfeiting centers under surveillance. One is in the Campania region of Italy. The other is in the cities of Plovdiv and Haskovo in southern Bulgaria. There are other places of interest, a Europol spokesman

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## Lithuania launches euro currency system

It is a massive undertaking. The Lithuanian Mint is still striking what will eventually become 370 million coins with a total weight of about 1,740 tons. The Bank of Lithuania recently received 132 million bank notes with a total weight of about 114 tons. All this was being accomplished in preparation for the Jan. 1, 2015 launch of the European Union's euro currency system in Lithuania.

Collectors are always interested in new issues, but information on the logistics that bring a new currency system to life are often difficult to obtain. The Lithuanian Mint stopped striking centas and litas denominated coins, going to three shifts per day in order to strike sufficient quantities of the new euro coin denominations. Euro coins were being delivered to the vaults of the central bank by October. Some of these coins were released early as educational tools in preparation for the upcoming currency change.

The bank note situation was entirely different and won't go as smoothly. The Bank of Lithuania has borrowed euro bank notes from the Deutsche Bundesbank, the central bank of Germany. There is an agreement in place through which these bank notes must be returned to the German bank once Lithuanian euro bank notes are printed at a yet to be announced European Union certified security printing establishment.

According to Bank of Lithuania Cash Services head Gintaras Moska, "Although this is a large scale logistic process, it is automated enough and managed effectively. Now we need much less physical labor than with the adoption of the litas, when the

Bank of Lithuania's employees had to carry by hand bags of the new currency. We do not doubt that the amount of bank notes and coins necessary for the euro adoption will reach commercial banks at the scheduled time."

On Dec. 10 Board Chairman of the Bank of Lithuania Vitas Vasiliauskas said of the recent shipment of bank notes from Germany to Vilnius, "Historically this is the largest shipment of cash to Lithuania. The operation was completed safely and successfully. The euro bank notes are already being distributed from the Bank of Lithuania's vaults in Vilnius and Kaunas to commercial banks, from where they will continue their journey to trade and service enterprises and finally early next year [2015] they will reach the pockets of the country's population. We appreciate the particularly successful cooperation with the partners who participated in the operation."

There isn't a lot of information available on the massive shipments of coins from the mint to the central bank. Likewise, local banks will need to return Lithuanian obsolete coins to the mint. Since this is an ongoing operation this makes sense. The bank note shipment, however, have received a lot of press coverage.

The notes were shipped by air in three flights, two of which were delivered to Lithuania's capital city of Vilnius, the other shipment to Kaunas.

According to Lithuanian Minister of Internal Affairs Saulius Skvernelis, "The police began to prepare for the euro shipment

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## Zimbabwe introduces bond coins

Zimbabwe has had more than its share of financial woes. The government began the exclusive use of foreign currencies after domestic hyperinflation reached a nightmarish 231 million percent sometime in 2008. No one knows the final percentage, since the government simply stopped calculating it.

Since that time, beginning in 2009, Zimbabwe has been using a concoction involving the Botswana pula, British pound, Chinese yuan, European Union euro, Indian rupee, Japanese yen, South African rand, the US dollar, chewing gum, and just about anything other than Zimbabwe's own money. About 80 percent of all financial transactions are now made in US currency, according to the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe.

Now a shortage of coins, regardless of where the coins originated, is helping once more to feed domestic inflation. Zimbabwe has addressed the coin shortage problem by announcing new "bond coins," a domestic series of coins pegged in value on par with the US dollar.

Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Governor John Mangudya said of the new issue, "The bond coins derive their name from the U.S. $\$ 50$ million bond coin facility that the reserve bank arranged for the purpose of providing the coins with intrinsic value. The bond coins would therefore be a good store of value. Consumers and businesses would be able to exchange the coins for paper money at their banks."

Mangudya argues the new $1-, 5-, 10-, 25-$, and 50 -cent coins are a good thing for the Zimbabwe economy. On December 5 the news agency al Jazeera reported, "On Twitter, Zimbabweans used the hashtag \#BondCoins to discuss the new currency. Many criticized the new plan and warned of a return to hyper-inflation."

In the Dec. 5 issue of The Herald newspaper Mangudya indicated "they [Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe] don't want to bring back the Zimbabwean dollar due to confidence issues." Mangudya noted businesses routinely either round up prices or make change using sweets rather than coins as change. Newspaper reports indicated merchants routinely issue vouchers as change, the vouchers only being redeemable

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from the moment it became clear that Lithuania would adopt the euro. We worked intensively together with the Bank of Lithuania. This operation will go down in history, and it is an especially important moment for the economy. At the same time it was also a great challenge for the police, and it was able to deal successfully with this challenge."

Movement of the bank notes involved the local and traffic police, Lithuanian Police Anti-terrorist Operations Unit Aras, territorial police, airport security, and the State Border Guard Service. The public was informed of the bank note shipment in advance! The new coins and bank notes were distributed to retail and service providers beginning Dec. 1.

Information was not available at the time this article was being written regarding the exchange and possible demonetization of Lithuania's former litas currency system or the future disposition of the obsolete coins and bank notes.
at their stores. Mangudya said the new coins will be redeemable for foreign currencies at banks.

The Herald reported, "In his mid-term fiscal policy review, Finance and Economic Development Minister Patrick Chinamasa said [the] government had no appetite to change the multi-currency policy urging the nation to take comfort in the continuous re-assurance from both the monetary and fiscal authorities."

The Dec. 5 issue of the newspaper New Zimbabwe quoted Mangudya as saying, "Our expectation is that the introduction of bond coins would necessitate correct pricing for goods and services which hitherto was constrained by the absence of an appropriate system of coins."

At a press conference the central bank governor indicated the initial coin release would involve $\$ 10$ million U.S. value in bond coins. These would be released between December 2014 and March 2015.

Mangudya told those at the press conference, "This translates to just below two percent of total bank deposits. Under normal circumstances, the proportion of coins to money in circulation in an economy is between 20 to 25 percent. However due to the fact that Zimbabwe is using multiple currencies, we envisage the bond coins to remain below 10 percent of total bank deposits."

Zimbabwe will be importing the new bond coins since it is too expensive for the coins to be made domestically.

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describing the Italian and Bulgarian regions as only being the "tip of the iceberg."

During 2012 Carabinieri Currency Anti-counterfeiting Unit Colonel Alessandro Gentili said, "In Italy, there's a great, ancient and august tradition: Here, they make fake money, done well. Giugliano is still the capital. It has the best professionals."

European Union officials have previously described the Napoli Group as being "the arch-enemy of the European Central Bank."

The Napoli Group uses mobile workshops and highly specialized equipment. Police sources indicated the Camorra Mafia launders most of its counterfeit bank notes into Colombia, the Middle East, and into North Africa where the forgeries are used to purchase cocaine and other narcotics. The bank notes gradually find their way back into the European Union countries, making the counterfeits more difficult to detect. The Camorra Mafia is also allegedly into drug trafficking, prostitution, and the illegal dumping of toxic waste. The organization controls the number of bogus notes and coins being produced by the Napoli Group.

Italian Supreme Court Justice Raffaele Cantone conducted investigations into the Camorra organization earlier in his career. The April 30, 2012, issue of the New York Times quoted Cantone as saying, "Organized crime certainly obtains a cut from this activity, and it can intervene to regulate its use in the market because it has economic interests in the area."

It looks like supply and demand considerations have to be taken when making counterfeit money just as much as it does with anything else in business.

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ond largest source of revenue of ISIS. When asked by the author of the blog, Danti had to admit that his source was a report dating to 2005-2006 which could not refer to ISIS for the simple fact that ISIS did not even exist in 2005."

The blog continues, "The source would deal with alQaida and Danti wanted to reach a conclusion by analogy. In this study, though, the category looting would not refer to archaeological objects only, but to all stolen commercial goods so that the report sheds no light on the trade in ancient objects."

There is reason for concern regarding acceptance of accusations regarding the trade in antiquities. There is already considerable political pressure on collectors and museums in the United States that own antiquities and ancient coins demanding their return to foreign governments as being the cultural heritage of these countries.

As "Chasing Aprhodite" concludes, "The truth is we have very little reliable data on the global revenue generated by the illicit antiquities trade, and even less on the role it plays in funding terror groups. It is, to paraphrase Donald Rumsfeld, a known unknown: we know it happens, but not much more."

The concern, which was echoed by "Chasing Aprhodite,"" is that irresponsible accusations might influence decisions being made by the State Departments Cultural Property Advisory Committee. It is this department that will influence policies covering the trade in antiquities, including coins, in the United States.

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## Public strikes last 2014, first 2015 coins

## By Kerry Rodgers

The public striking of the last dollar of the old year and the first dollar of the new is now an entrenched tradition at the Royal Australian Mint. Long may it continue. It sure serves to put Australian numismatics on media screens and pages Down Under.

As in previous years, it kicked off on Dec. 31 when a large crowd gathered in the Mint's public gallery for the Last Coin of the Year event. They were the usual mix of collectors who had traveled to Canberra especially for the occasion and folk who just happened to be visiting the Mint that afternoon. Among the collectors was the winner from 2013 who was hoping to make it two in a row.

All those present were eligible to go in a drawing to determine who would have the honor of striking the Lucky Last 2014 Terra Australis aluminumbronze dollar.

The winner was a first-time visitor, Judith Jordan. She and her family had come from Musk in Victoria for the day and stayed on to see the result only when encouraged to do so by a Mint tour guide.

And then the clock moved forward 12 hours to Jan. 1. There was considerable interest to see if collector Harley Russo, the successful First Striker in 2013 and 2014, would go for the trifecta.

In the event Harley and his family arrived a little earlier than in past years to stake his claim to the First Coin Striking of 2015. He secured top spot in the queue on Christmas night. Apparently there had been some chatter on social media about others showingup on Boxing Day and Harley wanted to be sure.

His family told Mint staff that there had been an attack of nerves as they drove up Denison Street, but they arrived to find the entrance claim-jumper free. However several later arrivals have announced that next year, on the 50th anniversary of Australian decimal currency, they intend to give Harley a run for his money.

Many joined the Russos on the day before New Year's Eve keen to be among the first hundred to strike an ANZAC dollar in 2015. The 100th person arrived before 9 a.m. All were in a cheerful mood and most had come prepared with umbrellas and chairs.

To mark 2015 as their 50th anniversary year, the Royal Australian Mint went an extra mile. Harley not only got to strike the first dollar of the New Year but received a one-off coin set featuring all Australian mintmark and privy mark coins for 2015. And the next 99 people in the queue were given a case and capsule to hold their coin, along with the numbered certificate they have received in past years.


Judith Jordan with her certificate containing the last Terra Australis dollar to be struck in 2014

Hat trick! Harley Russo using the RAM's public coin press to strike the first ANZAC dollar of 2015. Harley started collecting some five years ago when his mother showed him her collection. He particularly enjoys collecting the Australian mintmark series especially so now has a unique set of three first-struck coins as well as the last coin for 2012.


The patient queue in "sunburn country" waits early on New Year's morning to be the first 100 to strike an ANZAC dollar. Images courtesy RAM.

A.G. Wyon's pattern crown for George $V$ struck in gold, one of just two known.

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example, by early 1920 an Australian shilling contained one shilling and fourpence ( 25 cents) worth of silver.

As a consequence the British government took a decision in 1920 to reduce the silver content of its coins from .925 fine, i.e. sterling, to .500 fine. It was expected other countries of the Empire would follow suit with Canada doing so the same year although to just a modest .800 fine.

New reverse Australian silver dies had been prepared by London's Royal Mint. All carried a small star above the date to indicate the reduced fineness of the coins they were intended to produce. Thirty pairs of working dies with stars were dispatched to the Sydney Mint from London in October 1920.

By the time these arrived and the Australian coins were ready for production the price of silver had dropped sufficiently to make the exercise pointless. Not all the dies were wasted. Some were used to strike 522,000 1921 shillings in .925 silver, despite all having stars above the date. Although this star is not a mintmark its presence on these coins does indicate they were stuck at the Sydney Mint.

In addition a limited number of trial strikes of patterns or specimens were made from both the 1920 and 1921 florin and shilling Royal Mint dies.

The coin to be offered by DNW is just one of six known to have been minted of this type. It is only lightly toned and in superior condition to examples of the 1920 and 1921 Australian patterns housed in Melbourne's Museum of Victoria.

The auction house has been unable to trace any sale of a 1921 star-overdate pattern shilling in the last 30 years. As a consequence, when the piece goes to the auction block, it is expected to carry an estimate of at least $£ 100,000$ to $£ 120,000$ ( $\$ 150,000-\$ 200,000$ ). Greg McDonald's Australian pocket coin catalog prices a 1920 star-over-date shilling pattern at $\$ 300,000$. He does not list the 1921 coin.

However, if Australian silver rarities are not your métier, perhaps a British George V 1910 pattern crown in gold by A.G. Wyon might appeal. One of just two known will be offered in the same DNW sale. It comes with an estimate of $£ 80,000$ to $£ 100,000$ ( $\$ 125,000-150,000$ ).

This crown is one of a series of coins prepared for George V in 1910 when he ascended to the throne following the death of his father, Edward VII, in May.

Despite Wyon's illustrious pedigree none of his designs were chosen for the new Great Britain coins struck in 1911 and his pattern crown is a numismatic rarity. The present example is in near mint state and comes with an impressive pedigree: ex G. Hamilton-Smith, Sir Kenyon Vaughan Morgan, Lady Duveen, and C. Dabney Thompson collections.


Gold sovereigns struck in India have an "I" mintmark above the date.

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licensee in the sub-continent is MMTCPAMP India. The partnership between the two companies has seen gold sovereigns struck in India for the first time in nearly a century. The Lord Mayor's striking provided a visible demonstration of the benefits of Britain and India working together.

Sovereigns featuring Benedetto Pistrucci's 'St George and the Dragon' design were last struck in India in 1918 when The Royal Mint's Bombay branch minted $1,300,000$. They were not struck again in the subcontinent until February 2013. At that time MMTCPAMP's facility near Delhi did so using tools and techniques provided by the Royal Mint.

The strikings have continued into 2014 with all Indian-made sovereigns carrying the " I " mintmark above the date.

## Dennis Gill lists spring offerings

Numismatist Dennis Gill has released his winter/spring list of select world coins.

Also featured are select ancient coins and a special collection of South African coins.

Also among his special offerings are coins of the British Commonwealth and Latin America.

Interested collectors may receive the list by contacting him at Dennis Gill, P.O. Box 175, Dept. B, Garden City, NY 11530; phone 516-333-5613 or fax 516-333-9261.

## Islamic coins realize \$708,941 in Spink sale

On Dec. 2 a major collection of over 1,200 Islamic coins went under the hammer at Spink London. The Islamic collection was particularly comprehensive with issues ranging from those showing early Byzantine influences to examples from the late 20th Century.

The tone of the sale was set with Lot 1, a rare Umayyad Arab-Byzantine gold semissis, c.700-704, from North Africa. In EF condition it quickly romped to $£ 12,600$ [ $\$ 19,705$ ].

It was, however, soon eclipsed by a Umayyad gold dinar struck in Ifriqiya, AH 101 ( 719 CE ), that also came in EF. It had little difficulty in making $£ 14,400$ [ $\$ 22,464]$ with a similar dinar of AH 102 in the name of Yazid II fetching $£ 10,800$ [ $\$ 16,848]$. Both are among the first Islamic coins to have their designs rendered entirely in calligraphy and are inscribed with the Kalima of Islamic faith that may be translated as, "There is no God but God, and Mohammed is the messenger of God."

At the other end of the time scale the European influence on Islamic coin design was shown by a pair of 19th century gold 500 qirsh ( 5 pounds) from Ottoman Egypt struck in the name of Abd al-Aziz, KM 265). One dated AH 1277/5 took $£ 15,600$ [ $\$ 24,336$ ] in EF. A second dated AH1277/8 made $£ 10,800[\$ 16,848]$ in aEF. Mintages were just 56 of the first coin and 200 of the second.

From elsewhere in the Muslim world a delightful Afghan first reign Mahmud Shah Durrani double-mohur, dated AH 1217 [1802 CE], KM 246, had no problems in realizing $£ 9,600$ [ $\$ 14,976$ ] given its gEF condition. While an extremely rare Mughal Gemini zodiacal rupee of Jahangir (1569-1627) struck at Kashmir, KM 150.8, took $£ 16,800$ [ $\$ \$ 26,208]$ in aF.

Full catalog details and prices realized can be viewed at or downloaded from the Spink website: https://www.spink. com/. A 20 percent buyers' premium has been added to the prices cited.


Rare Umayyad Arab-Byzantine gold semissis, c.700-704, from North Africa that realized $£ 12,600$ [ $\$ 19,705]$. The obverse shows a double bust of Byzantine Emperor Heraclius and his son Heraclius Constantine. The reverse legend translates as, 'There is no God except God [Allah], He is alone with no partner'. Image courtesy Spink UK.


The rare Umayyad gold dinar of Caliph Abd al-Malik dated AH101 that fetched $£ 14,400$ [ $\$ 22,464]$, one of the first Islamic coins to have a design made entirely from calligraphy. Image courtesy Spink UK.

## Gold aureus sells for \$131,040 at DNW sale

Publius Licinius Cornelius Saloninus Valerianus topped the bill at Dix Noonan Webb's early December coin sale in London.

It was a gold aureus struck during the brief period when Saloninus was Caesar that proved the star of the show. In the catalog the aureus was described as, "extremely rare, undoubtedly one of the finest specimens known." Perhaps this helped prompt the bidding to begin at the pre-sale high estimate of $£ 40,000$ [ $\$ 62,400]$. Eventually the coin was secured by an internet buyer for a hammer price of $£ 70,000$ [ $\$ 109,200]$. With buyers' commission included the total was £84,000 [\$131,040].

Among other top-selling lots were several Victorian British proof sets that realized prices well in excess of estimate. An 1887 set comprising a crown, double florin, halfcrown, florin, shilling, sixpence and threepence fetched nearly 10 times its making $£ 11,040$ [ $\$ 17,222]$. The two-day sale realized a total of $£ 600,384$ [ $\$ 936,599]$. Full catalog details and prices realized may be found at www.dnw.co.uk.


The aureus that sold for $\$ 131,040$ dates from 258. It depicts a bare-headed Saloninus as Caesar on the obverse. He had been appointed Caesar or first in line of the succession in 258 by his father, probably at the instigation of his grandfather, Valerian I, the senior Emperor at the time. In 260 Saloninus was murdered by rebellious troop in Cologne at age 18. Image courtesy DNW.

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## FEBRUARY

Feb 1 IL, Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show. Holiday Inn Express, 1550 Dundee Rd. SH: 9am-3pm. A: Free. T: 40. F: \$60. N.O.I.S.E., Joe, PO Box 193, Crystal Lake, IL, 60039. PH: 815-479-0350 or noisecoinshowillinois@gmail.com.
Feb 1 MD, Westminster. Coin \& Currency Show. Fire Hall, John St. Quarters, 28 John St.. A: Free. T: 30. Carl Earl Ostiguy, PO Box 92, Savage, MD, 20763. PH: 443- 623-7025 or ceocoins@ comcast.net.
Feb 1 MO, Kansas City. ARC Monthly Coin Show. American Legion Post 21, 16701 E. 40 Hwy.. A: Free. T: 40. F: \$70-\$130. American Rare Coin, John Ryan, 521 E. Red Bridge Rd., Kansas City, MO, 64131. PH: 816-942-7900.
Feb 6-7 FL, Venice. Coin \& Currency Show. Venice United Church of Christ, 620 Shamrock Blvd.. SP: Venice Coin \& Currency Club. A: Free. T: 35. Jeff Scalici, 14291 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL, 34287. PH: 941- 626-1128 or jeff.npcoins@ gmail.com.
Feb 6-7 TN, Knoxville. Annual Knoxville Coin Show. Rothchild Catering at Baron Place, 8807 Kingston Pike. SH: Fri. 10am-6pm, Sat. 9am-3pm. SP: Fort Lauden Coin Club \& Smokey Mountain Coin Club. A: Free. Don Rhodes, 2029 Saint Gregorys Ct., Knoxville, TN, 37931. PH: 865-806-9320 or dllrhodes@att.net.
Feb 6-8 IA, Des Moines. Antique Spectacular. Iowa State Fairgrounds, Animal Learning Center, East 33rd St.. A: \$7. Melting Pot Productions, Inc., Kimberly Schillilng. PH: 712- 326-9964 or kim@antiquespectacular.com or www. antiquespectacular.com.
Feb 6-8 NV, Las Vegas. Coin, Currency, Jewelry \& Stamp Expos. Orleans Hotel Casino, 4500 W. Tropicana Ave.. SH: Fri. 11am-6pm, Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$3, Seniors \$2. Israel I. Bick, PO Box 854, Van Nuys, CA, 91408. PH: 818-997-6496 or iibick@sbcglobal.net or www.bickinternatinal.com.
Feb 6-8 SC, Ladson. Low Country Coin Club Winter Show. Exchange Park Fairgrounds, 9850 Hwy 78. A: Free. T: 50. F: $\$ 200 / \$ 175$. Low Country Coin Club, PO Box 62248, North Charleston, SC, 29419. Richard Smith, PH: 843-797-1245 or Lowell Knouff, PH: 843-302-6210 or imangie@ aol.com; lowcountrycoinclub @ gmail.com or www. lowcountrycoinclub.com.
Feb 7 FL, Zephyrhills. 1st Saturday Coin Club Show. Eagle Lodge \#3752, 4249 New River Rd., corner of SR 54. SP: Zephyrhills Coin Club. A: Free. F: \$40.. Dennis Jones. PH: 813- 355-6813.
Feb 7 MD, Baltimore. MD-TAMS Swap Meet. Grace United Methodist Church, 5407 N Charles St. SP: Maryland Token and Medal Society. A: Free. MD TAMS, Paul Belschner, PO Box 805, Rockville, MD, 20848. PH: 301-949-9495 or Ed Craig, PH: 410-284-8382 or pcbelschner@verizon.net.
Feb 7 VA, Alexandria. Coin \& Currency Show. Springfield American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave.. Boots Barnes, PO Box 8024, Alexandria, VA, 22306. PH: 703-975-7029 or www.alexandriacoinclub.com.
Feb 7-8 NY, Niagara Falls. Collectors' Show/Expo 2015. Elks Lodge \#346, 1805 Factory Outlet Blvd. SH: Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. SP: Niagara Frontier Coin Club. A: Free. Brian Trietley, 6589 Main St., Williamsville, NY, 14221. PH: 716-831-1526 or PH: 716-633-4104 or briantrietley@ yahoo.com.

Feb 7-8 PA, Pittsburgh. 55th Anniversary Coin Show Crowne Plaza Hotel-Pittsburgh South, 164 Fort Couch Rd.. SP: South Hills Coin Club. A: Free. F: \$120. Dale Abel, PO Box 161, Bethel Park, PA, 15102. PH: 412- 854-4022 or dale827@ verizon.net.
Feb 8 CT, West Haven. Liberty Coin Club Show. Elks Club, 265 Main St. F: \$35-\$50. Perry Carpinella. PH: 203-248-1053.
Feb 8 FL, Melbourne. Coin \$ Stamp \& Collectible Show. Eau Gallie Civic Ctr., 1551 Highland Ave. A: Free. Alysha Wilson. PH: 321-751-3647 or alysha21 @att.net.
Feb 8 FL, Plantation. 3rd Sunday Ft. Lauderdale Coin \& Stamp Show. Volunteer Park, 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd.. Joe Marshall. PH: 954- 802-4967 or magikj48@yahoo.com.
Feb 8 IL, Countryside. West Suburban Coin \& Collectibles Show. Operating Engineers Local 150 Union Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd.. A: Free. T: 85. Kevin Wasmer. PH: 630- 399-9060 or westsuburbancoinshow.com.
Feb 8 IN, Indianapolis. 71st Street Coin \& Currency Show. Knights of Columbus, 2100 E. 71st St.. SH: 9am-3:30pm. A: Free. Mark Eberhardt. PH: 317- 837-5682 or fubacoin@aol.com or www. fubacoins.com.
Feb 8 MA, Auburn. Greater Worcester Coin Show. Elks Lodge, 754 Southbridge St. (Rt. 12). A: Free. T: 46. EBW Promos., PO Box 3, Wilmington, MA, 01887. PH: 978-658-0160.

Feb 8 NE, Nebraska City. 51st Annual Coin Show. Eagle Club, 600 1st Corso. SH: 9am-4pm. A: Free. T: 34. F: \$30. Tim Boerner, 211 Oak St., Syracuse, NE, 68446. PH: 402- 269-2228.
Feb 8 NH, Keene. Keene NH Collectors Show. American Legion Hall, 797 Court St.. SH: 8:30am-2:30pm. A: Free. T: 22. Tri Town Shows LLC, Joseph Fuller, 498 Coleman Hill Rd, Rawsonville, VT, 05155. PH: 802-379-2353 or PH: 802-297-1274 or pepsijoseph@yahoo.com.
Feb 13-14 CA, Santa Rosa. 47th Annual Redwood Empire Coin Club Coin Show. Sonoma County Fairgrounds, E.L. Finley Building, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd. SH: 10am-6pm. A: \$2. T: 60. Avila Architects, Merle Avila, 5850 Commerce Blvd, Ste 100, Rohnert Park, CA, 94928. days, PH: 707-585-3711 or eves, PH: 707-824-4811 or merle @ avilaarchitects.com.
Feb 13-14 OK, Duncan. 46th Annual Stephens County Coin Club Coin Show. Stephens County Fairgrounds, 1618 South 13th. A: Free. T: 50. F: \$70. Ed McGill, PO Box 684, Duncan, OK, 73533. PH: 580-252-3818.
Feb 13-15 FL, Lakeland. 58th Semi Annual Collectorama Show. Lakeland Ctr., 701 W. Lime St.. SH: Fri.-Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-3pm. T: 125. F: \$160-\$500. The Collectorama Shows, Inc., PO Box 294049, Boca Raton, FL, 33429. Ed Kuszmar, PH: 561-392-8551 or collectoramashow@aol.com or www.wix.com.
Feb 13-15 NC, Charlotte. 45th Annual Coin Club Show. Metrolina Trade Show Expo., 7100 Statesville Rd.. A: Free. T: 154. F: \$200. Jerry Sajbel, PO Box 33292, Charlotte, NC, 28233. PH: 704-641-2959 or jsajbel @ comporium.net.
Feb 14 KS, Parsons. Cool Collectibles Coin Show. Municipal Building, 112 S. 17th Street. SP: Skil Resource Center, Inc.. A: Free. F: \$30. Dave Sorrick, PO Box 967, Parsons, KS, 67357. Dave Sorrick, PH: 620-423-6600 or Neil Springer, PH: 620-423-7508 or ddsorrick@yahoo.com or www. bordertownauctionhouse.com.

Feb 14 NJ, Colts Neck. Coin \& Currency Show. Sain Mary's Church, Rte. 34 North \& Phanlax Rd. A: Free. T: 40. F: \$20. Jimmy Citronella. PH: 732-526-7337 or cardfather@optonline.net.
Feb 14 OH, Canton. Canton/Route 30 Monthly Coin Show by Canal Coin \& Currency. Perry Grange Hall, 6300 Richville Dr. SW. SP: Canton Coin \& Currency LLC. A: Free. T: 25. F: $\$ 30-\$ 55$. Dennie Lebo, 5870-C Fulton Drive NW, Canton, OH, 44718. PH: 330-844-2138 or canalcoin@yahoo. com.
Feb 14-15 VA, Virginia Beach. Coin Show. Convention Ctr., 1000 19th St. A: Free. John. PH: 757-3311530.

Feb 15 CA, San Jose. 43rd Cupertino Coin Club Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expy.. A: $\$ 2$. T: 45. F: \$120-\$230. Cupertino Coin Club, Bruce Braga, PO Box 448, Cupertino, CA, 95015. PH: 408-839-1883 or brucebraga1 @aim.com.
Feb 15 CT, East Haven. Coin Show. Annex Club, 554 Woodward Ave.. SH: 9am-2pm. T: 60. F: 1/\$60, 2/\$105, 3/\$140. Coin Superstore, Chris Berinato, 593 Main St. East, New Haven, CT, 06512. PH: 203-469-2943 or info @coinsuperstore.com.
Feb 15 CT, New Haven. CoinSuperstore Coin \& Paper Money Show. Annex Club, 554 Woodward Ave.. SH: 9am-2pm. A: Free. F: \$55, 2/\$105, 3/\$140. CoinSuperstore, Chris Berinato, 593 Main St., East Haven, CT06512. PH: 203-4692943 or info@coinsuperstore.com or www. coinsuperstore.com.
Feb 15 IL, Itasca. 3rd Sunday N.O.I.S.E. Coin Show. Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Pk.. A: Free. T: 60. F: \$60. N.O.I.S.E., Joe, PO Box 193, Crystal Lake, IL, 60039. PH: 815-479-0350 or noisecoinshowillinois@gmail.com
Feb 15 IN, Lafayette. Lafayette Numismatic Society Coin Show. Best Western Lafayette Executive Plaza \& Conference Center, 4343 South St., I55 \& Hwy 26, Exit 172. SH: 9am-4pm. T: 20. Richard Carson. PH: 765-567-2885 or meola @centurytel. net or http://lafayettecoinclub.tripod.com.
Feb 15 IA, Council Bluffs. Monthly Coin \& Bullion Show. Hilton Garden Inn, 2702 Mid Ameica Dr. A: Free. T: 40. F: 6' \$35; 8' \$42.50. Ed Bishop. PH: 402- 721-7364 or cell, PH: 402- 720-3355 or edabish@msn.com.
Feb 15 MI, Troy. Polish American Numismatic Society \& Huron Valley Numismatic Society Show. American Polish Cultural Ctr., 2975 E. Maple Rd. at Dequindre Rd.. SP: Polish American Numismatic Society and Windsor Coin Club. A: Free. T: 102. F: \$95. Les Rosik, PH: 248-9092670 or Brett Irick, PH: 313-207-3562 or xr7gt@ prodigy.net or www.pans-club.org and www.hvns. org.
Feb 15 NE, Council Bluffs, IA. Monthly Coin \& Bullion Show. Hilton Garden Inn, 2701 Mid America Dr., Council Bluffs, IA. A: Free. T: 40. F: 6' \$35; 8' \$42.50. Ed Bishop. PH: 402- 721-7364 or cell, PH: 402-720-3355 or edabish @msn.com.
Feb 15 NE, Omaha. Monthly Coin Show. Comfort Inn \& Suites, 7007 Grover St.. T: 50. F: \$25. Corey Clinebell. PH: 402- 812-7062 or abccoinsandcollectables@gmail.com or www. abccoinsandcollectables.com.
Feb 15 NH, Hinsdale. 3rd Sunday Tri-State Coin Show. Millstream Community Center, 19 Main St. A: Free. T: 10. F: \$40. Jack Whitney or Richard Bryant. PH: 413- 422-2794 or PH: 802- 254-9340 or rab1 @myfairpoint.net.

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Feb 15 NJ, Clifton. World Money Show. Recreation Ctr., 1232 Main Ave.. A: Free. T: 45. F: \$45.. Mark Schiffer. PH: 973-983-2449.
Feb 15 NJ, Old Bridge. Coin, Currency, Stamp \& Collectibles Show. Old Bridge First Aid \& Rescue Squad Bldg., 200 Marlboro Rd. \& Ferris Rd.. SH: 8am-2pm. A: Free. T: 30. Matt Sulikowski. PH: 732-740-4604.
Feb 15 NY, Cheektowaga. Coin \& Stamp Show. Knights of Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Road. SH: 10am-3pm. SP: Buffalo Numismatic Assoc.. T: 55. Dave, PH: 716- 873-4280 or www.the-bna.org.
Feb 15 NY, Syracuse. Onondaga Numismatic Association Coin \& Currency Show. Maplewood Inn, 400 7th North St., Liverpool. SH: 10am-3pm. A: Free. T: 35. Mark Caiello, 652 Old Liverpool Rd., Liverpool, NY, 13088. PH: 315- 461-9379.
Feb 15 OH, Hilliard. Columbus Coin Show 3rd Sunday Every Month. Makoy Center, 5462 Center St. A: \$2. T: 30. F: \$45. Dan Rich, PO Box 340123, Columbus, OH, 43234. PH: 614-785-9967 or drich@columbus.rr.com
Feb 15 OH, Toledo. Blue Ribbon Coin \& Stamp Show. Saint Clements Hall, 3030 Tremainsville Rd.. A: Free. T: 45. F: 1-\$40, 2-\$65, 3-\$80. John Begovatz. PH: 419- 972-4176 or rbegovatz@ yahoo.com
Feb 20-22 FL, Sarasota. Coin Show. Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trl.. SP: Sarasota Coin Club \& Manatee Coin Club. A: Free. Frank Cox Productions, 755 S Palm Ave, \#203, Sarasota, FL, 34236. PH: 941- 954-0202 or frankcox@ comcast.net or www.frankcoxproductions.com.
Feb 20-22 MS, Southaven. Memphis Coin Club Show. Landers Civic Center, 4560 Venture Dr. A: Free. T: 72. F: \$150. Ray W Brown, PO Box 40572, Memphis, TN, 38174. PH: 901- 321-3408 or rwbrown@cbu.edu.
Feb 20-22 TX, El Paso. 52nd Annual Coin Show. El Maida Hall, 6331 Alabama St. SH: Fri. 1pm-6pm, Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. SP: Int'I Coin Club of El Paso. A: Free. T: 60. F: \$175-\$300. John Grost, PO Box 963517, El Paso, TX, 79996. PH 915-533-6001 or During show, PH: 915-5263180 or johngrost @aol.com.
Feb 21 FL, Spring Hill. West Hernando Coin Club Coin Show. Knights of Columbus, 10470 Spring Hill Dr. Sid Kaplowitz, PH: 352-382-5596 or skaplowitz @ tampabay.rr.com.
Feb 21 NY, Staten Island. Staten Island Coin \& Currency Show. Hillside Swim Club, 151 Signs Rd. A: Free. Nick. PH: 718-608-5816
Feb 21-22 KS, Wichita. The Cessna Show. Cessna Activity Center, 2744 Geo. Washington Blvd.. A: Free. F: \$115. Ralph Lott, 10716 E 31st South, Wichita, KS, 67210. PH: 316-683-6593.
Feb 21-22 MD, Frederick. Coin \& Currency Show. Frederick Elks Lodge, 289 Willowdale Dr.. A: Free. T: 60. F: \$110. Carl Earl Ostiguy, PO Box 92, Savage, MD, 20763. PH: 443-623-7025 or ceocoins@comcast.net.
Feb 21-22 NC, Rocky Mount. Original Coin \& Currency Show. Moose Lodge Family Center, 521 Country

Saturday, March 7th 9am-5pm Sunday, March 8th 9am-4pm
LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1400 E. College Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82007 \$1 Admission; \$20 Early Bird Admission; 60 Tables

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Club Road. A: Free. Rare Coins of Raleigh, Stacy Silvers, 4900 Falls of Neuse Rd., Ste. 165, Raleigh, NC. PH: 919-723-1410.
Feb 21-22 TX, Orange. Greater Orange Coin Club Spring Show. Orange County Convention \& Expo Center, 11475 Hwy 1442. A: \$2. T: 25. F: \$160. Delton Anthony, PO Box 1455, Mauriceville, TX 77626. PH: 409- 779-7161 or deboda@aol.com.

Feb 22 CA, Van Nuys. Coin Show. Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way. SP: R.A.M. Rare Coins. A: \$3 - Free drawing with paid admission. T: 30 F: \$125. Richard Murachanian, PO Box 800801, Santa Calrita, CA, 91380. PH: 661-287-1651 or ramrarecoins@yahoo.com.
Feb 22 FL, Greenacres. 4th Sunday of the Month Show. American Polish Club, 4275 Lake Worth Road. SH: 9am-3pm. SP: Palm Beach Coin Club A: Free. T: 50. F: \$60. Tony Swicer, PO Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL, 33466. PH: 561-964-7236 or swicer@comcast.net.
Feb 22 IN, Terre Haute. Wabash Valley Coin \& Currency Show. Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 3901 South US 41. A: Free. T: 26. F: \$15. Marvin Mericle, PO Box 7112, Terre Haute, IN, 47802 PH: 812-898-1260 or marv626 @att.net.
Feb 22 MA, Westford. Monthly Coin Show. Westford Regency Hotel, 219 Littleton Rd. A: \$1. T: 85 EBW Promos., PO Box 3, Wilmington, MA, 01887. PH: 978-658-0160.

Feb 22 MN, St. Paul. St. Paul Liberty Coin Club's Annual Winter Coin Show. Ideal Hall, 1494 N. Dale St.. SH: 9am-4pm. A: Free. T: 37. St. Paul Liberty Coin Club, John Temperante. PH: 651-260-2047 or libertycoinclub @ usfamily.net.
Feb 22 NY, Canajoharie. Annual Otsquago Coin Show. Moose Lodge, Erie Blvd. A: Free. T: 10. F: $\$ 40$. Jay Summerson, 154 Robwil Dr., Fort Plain, NY, 13339. PH: 518-673-2664.

Feb 22 OH , Cincinnati. Greenhills Classic Show. American Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd. A: Free. T: 55. F: \$42. Jim Huffman, PO Box 63, Xenia, OH, 45385. PH: 937-376-2807 or numismaniaofohio@woh.rr.com.
Feb 22 VT, Bennington. 4th Sunday Monthly Coin, Stamp \& Postcard Show. Hampton Inn, 51 Hannafords Square. SH: 8:30am-3pm. A: Free. T: 20. Tri Town Shows LLC, Joseph Fuller, 498 Coleman Hill Rd., Rawsonville, VT, 05155. PH: 802-297-1274 or pepsijoseph@yahoo.com.
Feb 22 WI, Racine. Racine Coin Show. Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring Street. SP: Racine Numismatic Society. A: Free. T: 52. F: \$50. Bill Spencer, 4625 Washington Ave., Racine, WI, 53402. PH: 262-637-7766.
Feb 26-28 IL, Tinley Park. Greater Chicago Coin, Currency \& Collectible Show. Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Dr. Jim Paicz, PO Box 628, Richton Park, IL, 60471. PH: 708-670-3469 or paiczj@aol.com or www. chicagocoinshow.com.
Feb 26-28 TX, Dallas. PNG Dallas Invitational. Gaylrod Texan Resort \& Convention Center, 1501 Gaylord Trail. SH: Thurs. 10am-6pm, Fri. 9am-6pm, Sat. 9am-5pm. A: \$10 3/day pass. PNG. PH: 951-5878300 or info @ pngdealers.org.
Feb 27-28 CA, Sunnyvale. South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show. The Domain Hotel, 1085 E El Camino Real. SH: Fri. 10am-6pm, Sat. 10am-5pm. A: \$3. T: 34 Bill Green, PO Box 846, Alamo, CA, 94507. PH: 925-351-7605 or info @norcalcoinshows.com.
Feb 28 AL, Pelham . Central Alabama Coin Show. Pelham Civic Complex, 500 Amphitheater Rd.. SP: Alabama Numismatic Society. A: Free. T: 38. F: $\$ 60$. Carl Shory, 109 Foothills Pkwy, Suite 111, Chelsea, Al, 35043. PH: 205- 612-5538 or cbshory@gmail.com.
Feb 28 MO, Carthage. 23rd Annual Spring Coin, Stamp, \& Postcard Show. Memorial Hall, 407 S Garrison (Hwy. 571). SH: 9am-5pm. SP: BartonJaspar Co. Collectors Assoc.. A: Free. F: \$60/1\$110/2. Brad G. Potter, PO Box 212, Lamar, MO, 64759. PH: 417-682-4500 or travelinjavelin@ hotmail.com.

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Mar 1 CT, West Haven. Liberty Coin Club Show. Elks

Club, 265 Main St. F: \$35-\$50. Perry Carpinella. PH: 203-248-1053.
Mar 1 IL, Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show. Holiday Inn Express, 1550 Dundee Rd. SH: 9am-3pm. A: Free. T: 40. F: \$60. N.O.I.S.E., Joe, PO Box 193, Crystal Lake, IL, 60039. PH: 815-479-0350 or noisecoinshowillinois@gmail.com.
Mar 1 IL, Watseka. Wat-Cha Kee Spring Coin Show. Celebrations , Corner of North 2nd St. \& Oak St. SH: 8am-3pm. A: Free. T: 25. F: \$45. John Tonner. PH: 815- 432-6439 or PH: 815- 471-6439 or jtonner@mschsi.com.
Mar 1 MD, Timonium. Hunt Valley - Timonium Coin Show. Holiday Inn Timonium, 9615 Deereco Rd.. SP: Legacy Coins \& Currency. A: Free. T: 30. F: \$80-6ft., \$150-12ft.. Ralph Piedmont, PO Box 5334, Timonium, MD, 21094. PH: 410-9292178 or Day of show, PH: 410- 925-7854 or legacycoins@gmail.com.
Mar 1 MI, Flint. Flying Eagle Coin Club Spring Show. Dom Polski Hall, 3415 N. Linden Rd.. SH: 10am-4pm. A: Free. T: 30. F: \$45. Jim Burns, 8018 River Rd, Flushing, MI, 48433. PH: 810-397-2700 or jgsglove@comcast.net.
Mar 1 MN, Bloomington. Coin, Currency, Stamps and Cards Show. Crowne Plaza, In'tl. Airport, 3 Appletree Square (I-494 \& 34th Ave. S.). A: Free. T: 63. F: \$45-\$55. Del Lanz, PH: 763- 355-9436
Mar 1 OR, Clackamas. Coin \& Currency Show. Banquet Center, 15815 SE 82nd Dr.. A: \$2. T: 40. David I. Ownbey, PO Box 231302, Tigard, OR, 97281. PH: 503-260-1806 or Patty, PH: 503- 8583299 or tokend @ comcast.net.
Mar 1 PA, Curwensville. Central PA Coin Club Spring Show. Community Center, 11 Stadium Drive. A: Free. T: 24. F: \$50. Tony Janke, 421 Hudson St., Philipsburg, PA, 16866. PH: 814- 762-6751 or hcoins7@comcast.net.
Mar 5-7 OR, Portland. ANA National Money Show. Oregon Convention Center. PH: 719-482-9849 or PH: 800-367-9723 or convention @ money.org.
Mar 6 TX, Temple. Bell County Coin \& Collectible Show. Mayborn Civic Center, 3303 N. 3rd St. A: \$3. Bryan Jones, PO Box 1263, Round Rock, TX, 78680. PH: 512-677-1044.
Mar 6-8 IL, Rock Island. Antique Spectacular. QCCA Expo Center, 2621 4th Ave.. A: \$7. Melting Pot Productions, Inc., Kimberly Schillilng. PH: 712-326-9964 or kim@antiquespectacular.com or www.antiquespectacular.com.
Mar 6-8 TN, Chattanooga. Tennessee State Numismatic Assoc. Annual Spring Convention. Camp Jordan Arena, I-75 exit 1. Gayle Pike, Box 11705, Memphis, TN, 38111. PH: 901- 327-1703 or PH: 901-210-7669 or pikegk @ aol.com or www. tsns.org.
Mar 7 AZ, Glendale. Northwest Valley Coin \& Card Show. St. James Catholic Church, 19640 N. 35th Ave. SP: AZCS. A: Free. T: 30. F: \$38-\$45. Mike Vechiola. PH: 623-570-3816 or azcs@live.com.
Mar 7 FL, Zephyrhills. 1st Saturday Coin Club Show. Eagle Lodge \#3752, 4249 New River Rd., corner of SR 54. SP: Zephyrhills Coin Club. A: Free. F: \$40.. Dennis Jones. PH: 813- 355-6813.
Mar 7 NY, Owego. Candor Coin Club Show. Owego Moose Club, Route 17-CWest. SH: 10am-3pm. SP Candor Coin Club. A: Free. T: 24. F: \$35/1, \$65/2. David Nichols, PO Box 835, Candor, NY, 13743 PH: 607- 659-3949 or denicholsdavenichols@ yahoo.com.
Mar 7 PA, Indiana. 57th Annual Spring Coin Club Show. S\&T Bank Arena, 497 East Pike Road. A: Free. T: 42. F: \$70. John F. Busovicki, 510 Walcott St., Clymer, PA, 15728. PH: 724-254-2471.
Mar 7 WA, Stanwood. 53rd Annual Coin Club Show. Senior Center, 7430 276th NW. SP: Stanwood Coin Club. A: Free. T: 15. F: \$40-\$75. Mike Diedrick, PO Box 1102, Stanwood, WA, 98292. abbjac@myway.com
Mar 7-8 WA, Aberdeen. 53rd Annual Grays Harbor Coin Club Show. South Shore Mall, 1017 S. Boone St. A: Free. T: 25. F: 1st \$60, add'I \$30. Paul Cook, 129 Beacon Hill Drive, Hoquiam, WA, 98520. PH: 360-532-5771 or hoquiam1 @ comcast.net.
Mar 7-8 WV, Charleston. Greater Kanawha Valley Coin Show. Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Dr SP: Kanawha Valley Coin Club. A: Free. T: 30. F
\$115. Donald Clifford, PO Box 65, St. Albans, WV, 25177. PH: 304-727-4062 or cliff635@aol.com.

Mar 7-8 WY, Cheyenne. Spring Coin Show. Laramie County Community College, 1400 E. College Dr. A: \$1.T: 60. Bill Arnold, PO Box 20233, Cheyenne, WY, 82003. PH: 307-630-2350 or wfal1972@ aol.com.
Mar 8 CT, Danbury. Coin Club Coin Show. Ethan Allen Inn, 21 Lake Ave Extension. A: Free. T: 38. F: \$60. Phil Jones. PH: 203-740-2892.
Mar 8 FL, Melbourne. Coin \$ Stamp \& Collectible Show. Eau Gallie Civic Ctr., 1551 Highland Ave.. A: Free. Alysha Wilson. PH: 321-751-3647 or alysha21@att.net.
Mar 8 IL, Countryside. West Suburban Coin \& Collectibles Show. Operating Engineers Local 150 Union Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd.. A: Free. T: 85. Kevin Wasmer. PH: 630- 399-9060 or westsuburbancoinshow.com.
Mar 8 IL, Pekin. Coin Show. Moose Lodge, 2605 Broadway St. SP: Tazwell Numismatic Society. T: 45. F: \$50. Jeff Pollitt, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL, 61554. Jeff Pollitt, PH: 309-685-3421 or Steve Rassi, PH: 309-263-0739 or cpas@ retzergerber. com.
Mar 8 IN, Indianapolis. 71st Street Coin \& Currency Show. Knights of Columbus, 2100 E. 71st St. SH: 9am-3:30pm. A: Free. Mark Eberhardt. PH: 317- 837-5682 or fubacoin@aol.com or www. fubacoins.com.
Mar 8 IA, Cedar Rapids. Cedar Rapids 76th Annual Coin Show. Elk's Lodge, 801 33rd Ave. SW. SH: 9am-4pm. A: Free. F: \$40. Cedar Rapids Coin Club, Mark Johnson, PO Box 2277, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52406. PH: 319-651-3923 or mark@ mjcoins.com.
Mar 8 MD, Annapolis. Coin \& Currency Show. Knights of Columbus Hall, 2590 Solomon's Island Rd.. A: Free. T: 30. Carl Earl Ostiguy, PO Box 92, Savage, MD, 20763. PH: 443-623-7025 or ceocoins@ comcast.net.
Mar 8 MA, Auburn. Greater Worcester Coin Show. Elks Lodge, 754 Southbridge St. (Rt. 12). A: Free. T: 46. EBW Promos., PO Box 3, Wilmington, MA, 01887. PH: 978-658-0160.
Mar 8 NH, Keene. Keene NH Collectors Show. American Legion Hall, 797 Court St.. SH: 8:30am-2:30pm. A: Free. T: 22. Tri Town Shows LLC, Joseph Fuller, 498 Coleman Hill Rd, Rawsonville, VT, 05155. PH: 802-379-2353 or PH: 802- 297-1274 or pepsijoseph@yahoo.com.
Mar 8 NY, Danbury. Coin Club Coin Show. Ethan Allen Inn, 21 Lake Ave Extension in Danbury CT. A: Free. T: 38. F: \$60. Phil Jones. PH: 203-740-2892.
Mar 8 VT, Colchester. VT Coin \& Collectible Show. Hampton Inn, 42 Lower Mountain View Dr.. A: \$2. T: 25. Robert Larmay, PO Box 232, Colchester, VT, 05446. PH: 802-863-5711 or robertlarmay @ myfairpoint.net.
Mar 14 FL, Fort Myers. Coin \& Paper Money Show. Masonic Lodge, 10868 Metro Pkwy.. SH: 9am-3pm. A: Free. T: 29. FMCC, Jay Chamberlain, PO Box 62056, Ft. Myers, FL, 33906. PH: 239-297-8592 or jcflcoins@comcast.net.
Mar 14 FL, St. Augustine. Ancient City Coin \& Currency Show. FOP Lodge Building, 5050 Inman Rd.. SP: Ancient City Coin and Currency Club. A: Free. T: 30. F: \$40, 2-\$60. Jerry Walden, PO Box 814, St. Augustine, FL, 32085. PH: 904-940-6245 or http:// accc.anaclubs.org/index.html.
Mar 14 NE, Lincoln. Coin Show. Borders Inn, 5250 Cornhusker Hwy.. SH: 9am-5pm. SP: Lincoln Coin Club. T: 35. F: \$75. Dave Larson, PH: 402-2022348 or davedebkay@windstream.net.
Mar 14 NJ , Colts Neck. Coin \& Currency Show. Saint Mary's Church, Rte. 34 North \& Phanlax Rd. A: Free. T: 40. F: \$20. Jimmy Citronella. PH: 732-526-7337 or cardfather@optonline.net.
Mar 14 OH , Canton. Canton/Route 30 Monthly Coin Show by Canal Coin \& Currency. Perry Grange Hall, 6300 Richville Dr. SW. SP: Canton Coin \& Currency LLC. A: Free. T: 25. F: \$30-\$55. Dennie Lebo, 5870-C Fulton Drive NW, Canton, OH, 44718. PH: 330-844-2138 or canalcoin@yahoo. com.
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# African country named for Cecil Rhodes 

Southern Rhodesia. Because I don't want to start on Spain this month. Too much to do, holiday season and all. I'll probably be writing four articles about Spanish coins, maybe six, won't know until I get to it.

Southern Rhodesia. The colonial name for the territory that is now the nation of Zimbabwe. Because, for people who are following these articles, knowing that we are proceeding according to the arrangement of countries in the Standard Catalog of World Coins, so they can avoid thinking "Hey, why'd he skip Southern Rhodesia?"

Typically, when I write these articles, I start with the geology and paleontology and proceed chronologically until today. I'm going to not do that this time, save that for Zimbabwe, when I get to it. Theoretically it will be the last article in this series, but it won't be, because I'm going to have to go back and do the 20 or so countries that have come into being since I started this series back in 1989.

Instead, I'm going to write about a strange and amazing man, Cecil Rhodes, in whose honor Southern Rhodesia was, during his lifetime, named.

It is a strange story. He was such a big and influential person, but there are some astonishing holes in his story. Or at least I couldn't find anything to put in them during my brief research.

The guy put in his will a desire to found a secret society aimed at the incorporation of the British colonies and the United States into a single political entity, which would then partner with Germany to become the preeminent power in the world through peaceful economics, not war. The Wikipedia article states that this was never done, but the Rhodes Scholarship fund was originally open only to students from the United Kingdom, its colonies, the United States of America, and Germany.

I went looking through the list of Rhodes Scholars for something conspiratorial. Very few "A" list famous people, notably Bill Clinton, but quite a few "B" listers. Rhodes Scholars who made me, personally, go "Oh": Dean Rusk (secretary of state for Kennedy and Johnson), Nicholas Katzenbach (Johnson's attorney general), Stansfield Turner (CIA director under Carter), David Souter (Supreme Court justice), Cory Booker in recent years, Susan Rice, Rachel Maddow. A bunch of writers, teachers, scientists. The list seems to tilt liberal in the last few decades. But then there's Bobby Jindal. If that adds up to the workings of a secret society, I don't see it.

Anyway, this boy Cecil was born in 1853 in a little English town called Bishop's Stortford. Today it is in part a bedroom community for people who work in London, back then it was probably two days away by wagon or coach, which is to say out there in the country. Father was the vicar. They were not rich.

Cecil was sickly, and it was decided when he was 16 to send him to South Africa to live with a brother who had a cotton operation there. It turned out the soil and climate was not good for cotton and they had to find something else to do. That turned out to be speculation in the newly opened diamond fields in Kimberley. (Another version of the story from the Bishop's Stortford website describes a successful cotton


Southern Rhodesia 3 pence coins showed native spears that were used by defending natives in the colonial wars they lost against British machine guns. The iconography is similar in concept to our buffalo nickels, both evolved descendants of the ancient Roman "CAPTA" coins.


The shilling carries an image of the famous Zimbabwe bird, later used on the coinage and flag of independent Zimbabwe.
operation deliberately closed down as the "cotton boom" was ending.)

It is at this point in the story that the conspiratorial mind might go "Hmm." Wikipedia laconically mentions that Cecil, between the ages of 18 and 35 , was financed by the Rothschild group of banking firms in buying up all of the small diamond claims in Kimberley. How did they find him, twenty-something whippersnapper working for his older brother? Why did they pick him? Unexplained. I poked around a bit on Google but came up empty. Seems like a significant hole in the story.

At age 35 (1888) Rhodes, owner of essentially all of the Kimberley diamond operations, named his diamond operation the De Beer Mining Company, after some people whose claims he had purchased. A year later he partnered with the "Diamond Syndicate" in London to market the entire output of his holdings. I looked up "London Diamond Syndicate" and got nothing in the way of a formal organization. Apparently it was a bunch of guys controlling a bunch of business assets who met informally and made decisions of how to do things. There are supposed to be laws about this kind of activity here in the USA these days, but back then, in England, no, there were not. Rhodes, at that moment, controlled the world's diamond supply, and his company continued its dominance for most of a century after.

Cecil Rhodes, in the 1890s, might have been the richest man in the world.

He engaged in electoral politics in South Africa begin-
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The only crown of Southern Rhodesia celebrated the centennial of the birth of Cecil Rhodes. The edge of the coin bears the legend: 18531953 OUT OF VISION CAME REALITY.

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ning in 1880, when he was elected, age 27 , to the Cape Parliament from a predominantly Boer rural district. A decade later he became prime minister of the Cape Colony. Among his innovations were a formalized process for evicting native people from their lands in favor of European style business and industry and the disenfranchisement of Black and Coloured voters in the colony. That kind of activity was considered normal back then, even progressive, when other colonial powers were engaging in wholesale murder in the furtherance of their land acquisitions (history of Congo for example).

Rhodes's constant policy aim was to promote the interests of the British Empire and what he considered the "Anglo-Saxon race." He pushed for the extension of British colonial rule northward from what is now South Africa and envisioned a British zone in eastern Africa from "Cape to Cairo," That did not come to pass because the Portuguese could not be induced to relinquish Mozambique, but his efforts did extend British administration into what was called at the time "Zambesia," now the nations of Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Commercial activity went hand in hand with politics. Businessman Rhodes would go to a new territory, negotiate a mineral rights treaty with a local ruler, then politician Rhodes would negotiate with the British colonial office for political protection. The protections in hand he could then go to investors for more money for further ventures.

Today, here, you kind of have to do one thing or another, though we have
the recent example of Berlusconi in Italy playing the business and political sides of the fence at the same time.

In 1889 Rhodes got a charter from the British government to form the British South Africa Company to acquire and administer land in what is now Zimbabwe and Zambia and points further north. Treaties were obtained (terms protective of locals often later ignored or abrogated), settlers brought in, wars of suppression fought,

In 1895 an armed attempt to overthrow the Transvaal government failed and Rhodes was forced to resign as Prime Minister of Cape Colony. That same year the settlers in the territories of Zambesia adopted the name "Rhodesia," in tribute to the guy who made those enterprises possible. In 1898 the land south of the Zambezi river was named "Southern Rhodesia."

Rhodes had always had heart problems, and he had had more and more trouble from the 1890s. He died of "heart failure" in 1902.

In my normal articles I would now describe the political situation in Southern Rhodesia over the decades until it became just plain Rhodesia and then Zimbabwe but I'll put that off for now and just go straight to the coins.

Self government began in 1923. Coinage began in 1932. I asked myself why, went looking for a reason, couldn't find any. Why did Southern Rhodesia get coinage in 1932 but Northern Rhodesia not until 1955 (Rhodesia and Nyasaland, including Southern Rhodesia until that federation broke up in 1964)? What were they using for coinage before 1932? I know they were making their own bank notes (all rare and expensive) but coins?

South African I suppose, but I don't know.

Southern Rhodesia coins apparently all were made at the Royal Mint in London. I assume it would have been cheaper to get them from the South African mint in Pretoria but that was not done.

The coins comprise the entire British denomination set except for the farthing and the gold, and only the 1953 commemorative for the crown. The penny and halfpenny initially in copper-nickel, in bronze after 1942, with center holes, the module does not appear to be shared with any other colony.

The series ran from 1932 to 1954. Not all denominations were struck in every year but every year had at least one coin. Most coins were struck in proof as well as for circulation.

I went to eBay to see what was around. Plenty of coins to buy. Rare dates? The 19542 shillings has the highest price in the SCWC (\$275 in uncirculated, \$900 in BU), a nice uncirculated got $\$ 332$ in November. The scarcest coin, 19462 shillings, got $\$ 150$ in XF (\$280 in SCWC).

Proofs on eBay: several 1953 crowns, getting about $\$ 100$ each. And a 1949 penny, PCGS PR66 RB got $\$ 810.00$ (SCWC = \$125), with a 1932 shilling, proof, raw, "Best offer accepted," something under $\$ 695$.

I guess I'd have to say that the coinage of Southern Rhodesia is not rare and that the set can be completed. A complete set of proofs looks like a challenge though. There are some proof sets. Google showed me some of 1932, 1953, and 1954 in auctions over the last couple of years.

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