

EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS AND TALKS

All meetings are in the Macomb Room!

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 11:00 a.m.

ANA President Thomas Uram

ANA Update and “Morse Code on Money”



Newly elected ANA president Tom Uram will be coming to Michigan to speak at the MSNS Spring Convention. In addition to providing an update about ANA, he will also be doing a presentation titled “Morse Code on Money”. Having been involved in collecting since he was a child, he still loves to present to others sharing his numismatic knowledge.

Tom is an exceptionally good exhibitor and is well known in all areas of numismatics. He has been a delegate to presidential conventions since 1980. Extremely well connected, he was instrumental in having the legislation passed that enabled the passage of the circulating Morgan and Peace dollar in early 2021. During 2023, along with current CSNS vice-president Brett Irick, he was invited as a member of the public to the U.S.

Mint Director’s Conference in Washington, D.C. He was chairperson of the CCAC- (Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee)- in addition to being the president of the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists. In his professional life, he owns a investment/advisor company in Western Pennsylvania.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 1:00 p.m.

Patrick Heller, Communications Officer, Liberty Coin Service

“State of the Industry”

Pat Heller has been a fixture in numismatics for a long time. Besides being the owner of Liberty Coin Service for many years, he has also given back to the hobby in many ways, including assisting the Attorney General of Michigan in consumer protection and doing the research to eliminate sales tax on Michigan rare coins and precious metals, effective July 7, 1999. This research has been used in many other states to achieve the same end. He belongs to many clubs, including life membership in ANA, CSNS, MSNS, National Silver Dollar Roundtable, SPMC, NLG, FUN and TNA. He gives talks on many topics and consults with many organizations that need advice on numismatic matters.

Growing up with the hobby, as his father worked in the foreign aid program, he began collecting coins in 1964. He focuses now on writing, speaking and other public relations work for Liberty.



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Pat has also received many honors, including the George Hatie award (MSNS' highest award) in 2003, the Presidential Award from MSNS in 2011, the Numismatic Ambassador Award at FUN in 2019, The Numismatic Literary Guild Award in 2019 and 2020 for the best investment publication, and the Glenn Smedley Award from ANA in 2018 for service to the hobby.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th 10:00 A.M.

Paper Money Collectors of Michigan Meeting

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Jim Burdick

**Using "Numismatic Archeology" Techniques to Discover New Potential
How to Use Coins, Medals & Tokens to Preserve History**



This seminar will explain a technique that the presenter, Jim Burdick a life member of the Grand Rapids Coin Club, describes as "numismatic archeology", to identify new potential collecting possibilities that can be applied to any area of the hobby. French & other world numismatics will be explored, starting from revolutionary war times up to the early 1900s and industrial revolution. Jim will demonstrate how coins, medals and tokens have been used to tell history showing examples from his collection of Napoleonic era medals and jetons (French for token) to art medals displaying different engraving techniques. This presentation might be one of the last opportunities to view an elaborate "type set" of attractively toned and professionally graded numismatics & exonomia before it hits the auction block (varieties from Julius, Bramsen, Lerouge, Gad, Feuardent, Divio, etc.). Come learn how

to discover new market opportunities. As Jim says, "You can't take it with you, but you can pass it on!".

Jim Burdick, a Life Member of the Grand Rapids, MI Coin Club, has been collecting since his youth. He learned about coins starting with a Boy Scout merit badge then inheriting a small collection from his grandfather. A business leader by day, he has been studying the numismatic markets for over 20 years, which allows him to use his analytical skills and love of art and history. As an Eagle Scout, he learned a saying, "as a boy scouting was good to you, as a man be good to scouting". That embodies how he feels about the numismatics community, willingly sharing his insights and lessons learned. A bit of an eclectic collecting dabbler, searching for underappreciated coins. He enjoys what he calls "numismatic archeology", preserving history by protecting numismatic treasures and with storytelling and research articles for his club. One area he has specialized in is French medals and tokens called "Jetons". He spends his winters coin collecting and ski patrolling and summers exploring Michigan's great outdoors and biking.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

YN Luncheon and Auction

Join Mike Dennany and others in an interesting talk and auction for all Yns and their parents and others. Always have a good time, you will learn something and get to bid on some great coins and other items of numismatics! Pizza is always provided!

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 1:15 p.m.

The Honorable Steven M. Bieda

Michigan's Innovation Dollar Progress Report

Steven M. Bieda was appointed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to the 37th District Court effective February 1, 2023. A lifelong Warren resident and Cousino Sr. High graduate, Bieda received his Bachelor's Degree in Public Affairs with minor in Psychology and Masters in Public Administration from Wayne State University, Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and Masters of Tax Law from Wayne State Law School. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Bieda was an appointee of Governor Whitmer as Chairperson and administrative law judge with the Michigan Tax Tribunal, serving from 2019 to 2023. He also served in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Senate, leaving due to term limits. In addition, Steve is also very knowledgeable in many areas of numismatics, having designed the reverse of the 1992 U.S. Olympic Half Dollar, and contributed to the design of the Michigan quarter issued in 2004. He also designed a medal for the Capital building in Lansing.



Steve will be speaking to us about Michigan's Innovation Dollar, which is slated to appear in 2025, and show us the possible designs of the dollar coin, and ultimately which one was selected. Come and learn about real coins coming down the pipeline for collectors!