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Michigan State Numismatic Society

70th Annual Fall Coin Show and Convention · November 20–22, 2026 · Warren, Michigan

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November 20–22, 2026, Macomb Community College, Warren, Michigan

At a Glance

WHAT	The Michigan State Numismatic Society's 70th Annual Fall Coin Show and Convention
WHEN	Friday–Sunday, November 20–22, 2026
WHERE	Macomb Community College, South Campus, Sports & Expo Center (Building P), 14500 East 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088
ADMISSION AND PARKING	Free all three days
PARKING AND ACCESS	Free parking in two lots, northeast and west of Building P; main entrance on the north side (covered walkway); fully wheelchair-accessible, with accessible parking west of the building
OFFICIAL HOTEL	Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sterling Heights–Detroit Area, 8515 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48312; MSNS group rate from $114 per night
WEBSITE	michigancoinclub.org/convention
NEXT SHOW	70th Annual MSNS Spring Coin Show and Convention, April 9–11, 2027, Oakland Expo Center, Waterford Township

Show Hours

FRIDAY, NOV. 20	11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (current MSNS members admitted early, 10 to 11 a.m.)
SATURDAY, NOV. 21	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
SUNDAY, NOV. 22	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last entry each day is 30 minutes before closing.

Schedule Highlights

WED–THU, NOV. 18–19	American Numismatic Association "Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins" seminar, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Sold out.**

FRIDAY, NOV. 20	**1 p.m.** "The S.S. *Central America*: Its Story, Its Treasure and Its Many Contributions to Numismatics" by Bob Evans **2 p.m.** "The Influence of Lafayette in America" by former ANA President Thomas Uram **4 p.m.** Michigan Token, Medal & Paper Money Society fall meeting **6:30 p.m.** 70th Anniversary Banquet
SATURDAY, NOV. 21	**11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Young Numismatist Program, with a talk by coin slab innovator and Accugrade founder Alan Hager, a pizza lunch with giveaways, a scavenger trivia hunt, and a hands-on science session with Bob Evans **2 p.m.** "Uncle Sam Presents" **2:30 p.m.** "A Conversation with Clifford Mishler and Darlene Sharpe," moderated by the Honorable Steve Bieda, 37th District Court judge and designer of the 1992 Olympic half dollar reverse
SUNDAY, NOV. 22	**Noon** YN Silent Auction bidding closes **3 p.m.** Show closes **4 p.m.** Silver City Auctions live online auction begins

Show Features

- **Dealers:** Over 100 dealer tables, with dealers from all over the country buying, selling, and appraising coins, paper money, tokens, and medals. Visitors are welcome to bring items to sell or to have evaluated.
- **Exhibits:** Competitive adult and junior displays judged Saturday, with Best-of-Show awards and a People's Choice Award.
- **ANACS Grading:** Coin submissions accepted at the show all three days.
- **Silver City Auctions:** Live online auction of over 300 lots, starting Sunday, November 22, at 4 p.m.; bidders take part in real time on Silver City's online platform, not on the show floor; view lots and register at silvercityauctions.com or at the show.
- **YN Silent Auction:** Items on view in the Exhibit Area; bidding open until noon Sunday; all proceeds benefit the MSNS Young Numismatist Program.
- **Kids:** Free activities all weekend for ages 4 to 17; no pre-registration required.
- **Early Bird Badges:** $50, for access to the bourse floor before the public opening.

Special Guest Speaker: Bob Evans

This year's show features renowned shipwreck scientist and historian Bob Evans, co-discoverer of the wreck of the S.S. *Central America*, the gold rush-era steamship that sank in 1857 carrying what remains the greatest lost treasure in United States history. Evans served as chief scientist and historian for the project that recovered the ship's treasure, including tons of gold ingots and coins, from the ocean floor 7,200 feet below the surface. Since the discovery and recovery of the treasure in the late 1980s, he has served as its curator and has authored numerous articles and essays, including award-winning studies published in *The Numismatist*. Evans continues to research the stories held within the shipwreck and its treasure, which he describes as a fascinating deep-sea time capsule.

Evans will appear throughout the weekend. On Friday at 1 p.m. he presents "The S.S. *Central America*: Its Story, Its Treasure and Its Many Contributions to Numismatics" as part of the free educational program, and that evening he is a featured speaker at the 70th Anniversary Banquet. On Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m., he leads a hands-on science session for the Young Numismatist Program, with a look through his microscope and a chance to handle the silicone rubber used to lift gold coins from the seafloor. All weekend, his award-winning recovery display features Gold Rush gold dust and nuggets (among them a tiny crystalline nugget with a speck of quartz

sealed inside), a “coin fossil,” the silicone rubber blocks used to recover gold coins, still showing the coins’ impressions, and 3-D photographs in stereo viewers. Evans invites anyone who owns treasure from the S.S. *Central America* to bring it to the show and share it with him. “As Curator, I personally handled and conserved every piece, and it’s always great to see them again,” he says. “I have a lot of stories.”

70th Anniversary Banquet

WHEN AND WHERE	Friday, November 20, 6:30 p.m., American Polish Century Club Banquet Center, 33204 Maple Lane Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312
SPEAKERS	Bob Evans and Clifford Mishler, MSNS charter member and former CEO of Krause Publications
INCLUDED	Buffet dinner of Polish and American favorites (cash bar), a numbered 2025 Michigan American Innovation dollar slabbed with a 70th Anniversary MSNS label, and a commemorative medal designed by Joe Paonessa and Steve Bieda; silent auction of donated items
TICKETS	$55 if postmarked by Monday, November 2; $70 after that date; order online at michigancoinclub.org/banquet-tickets, by mail, or at the MSNS Club Table during the show
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Seventy Years of MSNS

The Michigan State Numismatic Society was established on November 17, 1956, during its first convention at the Detroit Leland Hotel, hosted by the Detroit Coin Club. From the start it was built as a statewide organization open to individual collectors and local coin clubs, with a mission to encourage and promote numismatics, aid members in the study and exhibition of numismatic material, encourage and assist new collectors, and foster the interest of youth in the hobby. Its first officers, led by President James J. Curto, planned a fall convention in Detroit and a spring bourse rotated among Michigan’s larger cities, and in May 1957 the Royal Oak Coin Club became the first club outside Detroit to host one. Among the society’s charter members was a teenage Clifford Mishler, who went on to lead Krause Publications and serve as president of the American Numismatic Association.

Over seven decades, MSNS has grown to draw members from all 83 of Michigan’s counties, as the Michigan House of Representatives noted when it commemorated the society’s 50th anniversary on November 17, 2006. Its members have included numismatic authors, members of the United States Assay Commission, and designers of coins and medals, among them Felix Schlag, designer of the Jefferson nickel first issued in 1938. The society is affiliated with the American Numismatic Association and the Central States Numismatic Society, recognizes outstanding contributions to numismatics in Michigan with its President’s Award, and supports the next generation of collectors through its Young Numismatist program.

The society’s conventions grew along with it. The second fall convention, in 1957, drew 46 dealers and 272 registered visitors. The show expanded rapidly through the 1960s and early 1970s, and in 1976 it moved to the Hyatt Regency Dearborn, its Thanksgiving weekend home for more than three decades. Since 2012 the fall show has been held at Macomb Community College’s Sports & Expo Center in Warren, where this year it fills over 100 dealer tables. The pandemic canceled the Fall 2020 convention, and the Spring 2021 show was the first one back, among the first public events held in Michigan after the state reopened.

From the President

"As we look to the future while celebrating the past, MSNS strives to present a world-class convention and coin show honoring all involved in the hobby!" said MSNS President Kathy Freeland. "Whether you are a dealer, an exhibitor, a collector, but especially someone who attends our convention to learn more about the hobby, we celebrate 70 years of change within the numismatic community! We hope that this 70th anniversary convention will bring excitement to all who are fascinated with the different facets of the hobby, and that they are able to find their own place within this fascinating world, regardless of who they are, what they collect, or what they want to learn. We hope you will find something at this convention that will keep you coming back, no matter where we are or what experiences there are to discover."