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

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“Ship of Gold” Discoverer Headlines Michigan Coin Society’s 70th Fall Show in Warren

S.S. Central America scientist Bob Evans joins three days of free coins, exhibits and family activities, Nov. 20–22 at Macomb Community College

WARREN, Mich., Oct. 9, 2026. The Michigan State Numismatic Society (MSNS) will mark a major milestone this November with its 70th Annual Fall Coin Show and Convention, taking place Friday, November 20, through Sunday, November 22, 2026, at Macomb Community College, South Campus, Sports & Expo Center (Building P), 14500 East 12 Mile Road in Warren. Admission and parking are free, and the show is open to the public.

For seven decades, MSNS has brought together collectors of coins, paper money, tokens, and medals from across Michigan and beyond. This year’s anniversary show features dealers from all over the country, and visitors are welcome to bring coins or other collectibles to sell or to have evaluated.

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.

Show Highlights

- **Over 100 Dealer Tables:** Dealers from all over the country buying and selling coins, paper money, tokens, and medals.
- **Numismatic Exhibits:** Competitive adult and junior displays, plus a People’s Choice Award.
- **Free Educational Talks:** Friday presentations by Bob Evans and former American Numismatic Association President Thomas Uram; on Saturday, “Uncle Sam Presents” and a conversation with MSNS charter member Clifford Mishler and Darlene Sharpe on how the hobby has changed, moderated by the Honorable Steve Bieda.
- **ANACS Grading Submissions:** ANACS accepts coin submissions all three days.
- **Young Numismatist Program:** Free activities for kids ages 4 to 17 all weekend, plus a Saturday YN Program from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Auctions:** Silver City Auctions' live online auction of over 300 lots, starting Sunday, November 22, at 4 p.m., and a YN Silent Auction benefiting the MSNS Young Numismatist Program.

Special Guest Speaker: Bob Evans

Special guest Bob Evans is co-discoverer 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 recovery of the ship's treasure from 7,200 feet below the surface and has served as its curator ever since. He presents a free talk Friday at 1 p.m., speaks at the 70th Anniversary Banquet that evening, and leads a hands-on science session for young collectors Saturday at 1 p.m., 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, a "coin fossil," the recovery's silicone rubber blocks still showing coin impressions, and 3-D photographs. 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."

A Charter Member Looks Back: Clifford Mishler and Darlene Sharpe

On Saturday, November 21, at 2:30 p.m., MSNS charter member Clifford Mishler and Darlene Sharpe, wife of dealer Chuck Sharpe, sit down for a conversation about how the hobby has changed over the years. Mishler joined MSNS as a teenager when the society was founded in 1956, and went on to lead Krause Publications and serve as president of the American Numismatic Association. Moderated by the Honorable Steve Bieda, 37th District Court judge, former Michigan state senator and designer of the 1992 Olympic half dollar reverse, who also helped shape Michigan's state quarter and Innovation dollar. The session is free and open to all, and the audience is invited to bring questions. It follows "Uncle Sam Presents," a 2 p.m. talk on Uncle Sam and his influence on coins and other collectibles.

Seventy Years of MSNS

MSNS was founded on November 17, 1956, during its first convention at the Detroit Leland Hotel, uniting individual collectors and local coin clubs into a statewide society that has drawn members from all 83 Michigan counties. Its fall show grew rapidly through the 1960s and 1970s and spent more than three decades at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn beginning in 1976 before moving to Warren in 2012.

70th Anniversary Banquet

The celebration continues Friday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. with the 70th Anniversary Banquet at the American Polish Century Club Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, featuring Bob Evans and MSNS charter member Clifford Mishler, former CEO of Krause Publications. Each attendee receives a numbered 2025 Michigan American Innovation dollar slabbed with a 70th Anniversary MSNS label, and a commemorative medal. Tickets are $55 if postmarked by Monday, November 2, and $70 after that date. Order tickets online at michigancoinclub.org/banquet-tickets, or contact Kathy Freeland at 989-660-0526 or president@michigancoinclub.org.

> *"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. "We hope you will find something at this convention that will keep you coming back."*

Event Details

WHAT	MSNS 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; the venue is fully wheelchair-accessible
MORE INFORMATION	michigancoinclub.org/convention

About MSNS

The Michigan State Numismatic Society has served collectors of coins, currency, medals, and tokens throughout Michigan since 1956. Through its annual spring and fall shows, educational programs, and support for young collectors, MSNS works to promote and preserve the hobby of numismatics for collectors of all ages and experience levels.

Full schedule, history, and speaker details are in the accompanying fact sheet.

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