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Our next meeting is Monday, May 18th (the 3rd Monday of the month) at **7:00 pm** at the Elks Lodge, 600 W Kemp Ave, Watertown, SD 57201. We have a full agenda with topics including: the South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association Show, the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) Convention and Show, the upcoming Midwest Gold – Silver Money Show, and Club membership in the American Numismatic Association (ANA) and CSNS, plus show and tell!

National Coin week was April 19-25 and the topic was “Striking Independence: 250 Years of American Numismatics.”

May’s show and tell will be: U.S. two and twenty cent coins, U.S. 1928 \$2.00 Red Seal Notes, and Mediterranean Countries Coins and Currency. June show and tell will focus on: Civil War Tokens, Civil War Currency, and Chinese Coins and Currency.

Remember 2026 is the 75th Anniversary of the **South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association** and we have commissioned a medal to commemorate the event. If you are interested in purchasing one or a vintage 1976 25th Anniversary medal, they will be available at the club meetings and at the Midwest Gold - Silver Money Show in Sioux Falls. Plus they will be advertised for sale in Numismatic News.

April 22nd I headed to Chicago for the Central States Numismatic Society 87th Annual Coin Show and Convention. Missouri was the host state and the exhibit of Missouri National Bank Notes was impressive. Missouri has an interesting history of coins, tokens, and medals, as well as 19th-century National Bank Notes issued by more than 260 banks. Over 425 dealers were set up, and retail and wholesale activity was strong. Many dealers inventory was very picked over by day two. The Newman Numismatic Institute hosted a dozen informative talks during the Show. These presentations were recorded and are free to watch at the Newman Numismatic Portal: <https://nnp.wustl.edu>. I spoke with Mitch Ernst, CSNS President, and made a pitch for South Dakota to be the host state in 2032. South Dakota has a rich history of tokens, medals, National Bank Notes and Presidential Lore, plus mining and natural beauty. I look forward to writing the proposal and welcome any input you might offer in this endeavor. My proposal for North and South Dakota to jointly host in 2039 (our states 150th Anniversary) was shot down. Walking the bourse floor, I didn’t buy a lot, but did meet old friends from all over the U.S. and made many new acquaintances. I have copies of the Centinel (the CSNS publication) and the Program if anyone is interested.

The South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association show we hosted in April was very successful. Over 300 people attended the one-day show. Some dealers mentioned moderate sales but people were selling good material. The banquet had 14 people attend and the food was absolutely fantastic! I recognized Les Taken for his 19 years as Club President, Jeff Mollenhoff for his dedication and diligence as Club Secretary and Treasurer, James Weyh, Jr. as our Vice President (an unsung hero) and Robert Maisch as the SDC&SA ANA Representative and Newsletter Editor. During the Show I presented Cliff Mishler an award for his nearly 70 years of research and writing on Numismatics. Dennis Korbel was an important awardee and has been collecting coins since the Eisenhower Administration and is Kampeska Coin Club Life Member #1. His enthusiasm for collecting is contagious. After the show, I hosted Cliff Mishler and Dennis and Margaret Korbel for dinner at the Elk’s Lodge.

New members are always welcome, and Young Numismatists are encouraged to become members! If you need a ride, please contact one of our club officers, we will assist you in getting to the Elks Club. Please bring a friend or two that might have an interest in collecting coins, currency, and stamps.

Precious Metals:

Silver: \$82.23 --- Gold: \$4,765.60 --- Platinum: \$2,108.00 --- Palladium: \$1,587.00

The precious metals markets trended down slightly in April, then bounced in May. External events, including the National Debt hitting 100% of GDP and the on-going military action in Iran have impacted hard assets/commodities. Silver traded in the \$70 - \$80 dollar range and gold has bounced between \$4,500 and \$4,900 an ounce, down from April. The metals to watch are Platinum and Palladium. These two metals are used in hundreds of industrial applications and are arguably rarer than gold. Premiums for both the grey metals are increasing.

Refineries are slowly catching up on processing the glut of silver that was sold in December and January. Still... Metalor, the largest refiner in America, (and others) are focused on .900 and .925 (sterling) and higher purity silver. This in turn, has limited what dealers are currently buying. If you are in the market to sell silver, please call dealers in advance as they might not be buying some or all of the silver you wish to sell. Expect a discount to spot when selling 90%. This hasn't affected gold purchases and sales as much, but please call ahead to confirm.

Upcoming Coin Shows:

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| May 17, 2026 | South Saint Paul Monthly Coin show. UFCW Local 1189, 266 Hardman Ave. N., Saint Paul, MN |
| May 17, 2026 | Original Monthly Coin and Collectibles Show. Bel Air Banquet Room. 12100 West Center Road, Omaha, NE |
| May 29-31, 2026 | The Sioux Falls Money Show. Sioux Falls Convention Center, 1201 N. West Ave, Sioux Falls, SD |
| June 5-6, 2026 | 2026 Coin Currency and Token Show. Holiday Inn, 4800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA |
| June 21, 2026 | Original Monthly Coin and Collectibles Show. Bel Air Banquet Room. 12100 West Center Rod, Omaha, NE |
| July 17-18, 2026 | Reno Coin Show. J Resort, 345 North Arlington Ave, Reno, NV |
| July 19, 2026 | Tucson Coin Club Coin Show. Tucson Women's Club, 6245 East Bellevue St., Tucson, AZ |
| August 25-29, 2026 | ANA World's Fair of Money. David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA. \$10 admission/\$25 weekly pass, Free for ANA members. |
| Sept 5, 2026 | Norfolk Coin Show. V.F.W. 5728 Barte Street, Norfolk, VA |
| Sept 12-13, 2026 | The Sioux Falls Money Show. Sioux Falls Convention Center, 1201 N. West Ave, Sioux Falls, SD |
| Oct 8-10, 2026 | Denver Coin EXPO 2026, National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, CO |
| Oct 9-11, 2026 | Northwest Coin Club (NWCC) Fall Money Show. Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Dr., Brooklyn Center, MN |
| Oct 24, 2026 | South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association. Codington County Extension Building, 1910 W. Kemp Ave, Watertown, SD |