

Kampeska Coin Club, Watertown, SD 57201

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December 5, 2025

Our next meeting is Monday, December 15th (the 3rd Monday of the month) at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 600 W Kemp Ave, Watertown, SD 57201. If you haven't attended a meeting recently, please make plans to attend. Bring a friend or two that might have an interest in collecting coins, currency, and stamps. New members are always welcome! If you need a ride, please contact one of our club officers.

If you owe your annual dues, please send your payment to Jeff M. A note will be attached.

This month's show and tell topic for December is: U.S. Good for Tokens, French Coins and Currency.

We will be developing a list of Show and Tell topics at the December meeting. Please bring your ideas and coin/currency/token favorites. Remember 2026 is the 75th Anniversary of the South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association and America's Semiquincentennial (our 250th birthday is July 4, 2026!)

I am humbled and excited to have been elected as the President of the South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association. I know I have huge shoes to fill, Jeff Anderson was the Bridge City Coin and Stamp club president for thirty years and on the State Coin Association's Board just as long. I want to do my best for the Association and welcome your input and advice. I will share a few notes from the state newsletter.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary the Association will be offering a free annual membership for ONE YEAR. An application form is enclosed. Join Now! Or ". --- --- .. - . - . --- . -" in Morse Code!

The 2026 SD C&SA show is April 11, 2026 in Watertown and again, the Kampeska Coin and Stamp Club will be hosting the South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association State Show in Watertown. This year we are asking members to bring an exhibit to display. There will be no judging. The public will select the "People's Choice" by voting on the various exhibits. The Association traveling trophies and bragging rights go to the winners! What is your favorite collectible? Why is it your favorite? What research have you done to make it your favorite? Share your story and your collection in your exhibit at the next show! Exhibits often reveal material that is seldom seen or might have never been shared before and an interesting story to go with it. We anticipate having hourly drawings from the exhibit voters for a numismatic prize.

Two rules will apply:

The display must remain in the exhibit area during the show.

The display must be in a locked case for security purposes.

The Association is planning to issue a medal to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of both the SD C&SA and the 250th Anniversary of the U.S. Declaration of Independence. The "observe" will have a rendering of the Declaration of Independence and "reverse" will have a South Dakota theme. Please submit your drawings and ideas to kampeskacoinclub@gmail.com.

The Coin Show in October was a success! Nearly 200 people attended the show and dealers were pleased. Our State meeting was held during the show and much of the agenda is discussed above.

Winners from the raffle were:

1st Prize – 2025 1/10 ounce Gold Eagle – Cameron Warren (11 years old), Clear Lake, SD

2nd Prize – 1921 MS63 PCGS graded Morgan Dollar – Cameron Buri, Watertown, SD

3rd Prize – 2025 Silver Eagle – Keoki Halemano, Aurora, SD

4th Prize – One Ounce Buffalo Silver round – Pat Chabot, Brandon, SD

Cameron Warren was very excited when Jeff handed him GOLD!! We might have a future club member!

Election of officers is held in January. Please consider nominations for our club.

We will plan our Annual banquet this month. It is planned for January.

We will also begin the year with an auction in January. Club members can submit up to five items for the auction with a short description and minimum bids by December 29, 2025 to:

chris.wenner007@gmail.com

An auction list will be included in the January newsletter.

The U.S. Cent (1793 – 2025)

It happened, just like it did in Canada in 2012 and Australia and New Zealand in 1990 and 1992, respectively; the last Penny or Cent was minted. Several countries in Europe have also stopped minting the 1- and 2- euro cent coins. The Swiss one rappen coin was last minted in 2006. A quick Google search shows that over 80 countries have eliminated the mintage of low-denomination coins.

On May 22, 2025, the Treasury announced that the last cent (penny) planchets were purchased by the Mint; production would cease upon their exhaustion. Cent (penny) production for general circulation was halted on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. The last 232 cents were minted with an Omega symbol. Stack's Bowers galleries was chosen to auction the final 232 cent collections (Philadelphia, Denver and 24 Karat gold cents) on December 11, 2025. This will be the first U.S. cent struck in .9999 gold and three of the rarest non-proof U.S. cents (and U.S. coins for that matter) to ever go to auction from the U.S. Mint. Each set will be accompanied by a serialized Certificate of Authenticity and the final set (#232) will also include the three sets of canceled original dies used to strike these coins. United States Treasurer Brandon Beach and United States Mint Acting Director Kristie McNally also personally operated the presses to strike the final few Omega coins, in recognition of their historic significance. Live bidding on these three-coin Omega Privy sets, each of which includes a 24 karat gold penny, will begin on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 12 PM EST (9AM PST).

As I write this Gold is trading at \$4,199.30, Silver is \$58.39, Platinum is \$1,650.00, and Palladium is \$1,482.00. Silver hit another all-time nominal dollar high in trading on Friday of \$59.37 an ounce.

Upcoming Coin Shows:

Dec 21, 2025	Original Monthly Coin and Collectibles Show. Bel Air Banquet Room; 12100 West Center Road, Omaha, NE
Jan 8-11, 2026	71 st Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL
Jan 24-25, 2026	The Red River Valley Coin Club show, Hilton Garden Inn, 4351 17th Ave. S, Fargo, ND
Jan 30-31, 2026	The Denver Coin Club Show, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 6 th Ave., Golden, CO
Feb 15, 2026	Tri-State Coin Show, Diamond Jo Casino, 301 Bell St, Dubuque, IA
Feb 26-28, 2026	ANA National Money Show, Savannah Convention Center, 1 International Dr. Savannah, GA
March, TBA	Ringneck Coin and Stamp Club, AmericInn, 301 Centennial St. South, Aberdeen, SD
April 4, 2026	Coin Clubs Annual Spring Show, Heartland Museum, 119 9 th St, Clarion, IA
Apr 17-18, 2026	Fort Dodge Coin Club. Quality Inn, 2001 US Highway 169 S, Fort Dodge, IA
April 11, 2026	South Dakota Coin and Stamp Association. Codington County Extension Building, 1910 W. Kemp Ave, Watertown, SD

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April 22-25, 2026 87th Anniversary Central States Numismatic Society Convention. Schaumburg Renaissance Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Dr. Schaumburg, IL
April 30, May 1-2 Denver Coin EXPO, National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, CO
May 29-31, 2026 **Midwest Gold & Silver Coin Show, Sioux Falls Convention Center, 1201 N. West Ave, Sioux Falls, SD**

Coin Clubs in South Dakota

Black Hills Coin and Stamp Club, Rapid City, SD

The Club meets at Perkins Restaurant, 1300 N. Elk Vale, on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Bridge City Coin and Stamp Club, Mobridge, SD

Great Plains Coin Club, Sioux Falls, SD

The Club meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M at Active Generations, 2300 W. 46th St, Sioux Falls, SD (from September to May)

Kampeska Coin and Stamp Club, Watertown, SD

We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Elks Lodge, 600 W. Kemp Ave, Watertown, SD

Palace City Coin and Stamp Club, Mitchell, SD

The Club meets at the Mitchell Public Library, 221 N. Duff St, Mitchell, SD, on the first Sunday of the Month at 2:30 PM.

Ringneck Coin and Stamp Club, Aberdeen, SD

The Club meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM (September to May) at Gold N Gems, 303 S. Main, Aberdeen, SD

Rosebud Coin Club, Burke, SD

The Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Burke Community Center on North Main (September – May)

Dakota Postal History Society, P.O. Box 600039, Saint Paul, MN 55101

The Dakota Postal History Society continues the series of excellent articles on South Dakota county post offices and other historical postal articles. These also serve as a valuable resource for other specialists. They encourage articles by members.

Giving Thanks
By Cameron Djilo

Thanksgiving—a time to celebrate gratitude with food, friends, and family—is only a few days away. Numerous numismatic items have been produced to honor giving thanks—and not all of them were made in America.

A Medal

For example, minted in London, the bronze 1872 Prince of Wales National Thanksgiving medal was made to observe Edward VII's recovery from typhoid fever. Its designer, W.J. Taylor, made many other pieces, including the Kangaroo Office token, the gold Kangaroo Office token, and the Thames Regatta medal. On the obverse of the coin is the prince's bust with the inscription ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES, NATIONAL THANKSGIVING 1872 around him. On the reverse, two cherubs hold up the prince's feathered crown and a banner reading ICH DIEN, meaning "I serve." Surrounding the scene are the words GIVE ME NOW WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE THAT I MAY GO OUT & COME IN BEFORE THIS PEOPLE, which is a biblical prayer of King Solomon. At the bottom is 2 CHRON, I.10 (2 Chronicles 1:10), indicating the passage in the Bible.



This 1872 medal was made to celebrate Prince Edward VII's recovery from typhoid fever. (Photos: Noonans Auction)

A Half Dollar

The Pilgrim Tercentenary half dollar, designed by Cyrus E. Dallin and made at the Philadelphia Mint in 1920-21, is composed of 90-percent silver and 10-percent copper. Its purpose wasn't exactly to celebrate Thanksgiving, but rather the 300th anniversary of the *Mayflower* arriving in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. Seeing as the Pilgrims are known for starting the Thanksgiving tradition, this piece ties into the holiday. The Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission sold the coins for \$1 apiece, and profits were used to fund *Mayflower* anniversary observances. On the obverse, William Bradford, the governor of Plymouth Colony, has a Bible tucked under his arm. Stars are between each word of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PILGRIM HALF DOLLAR, and the motto IN GOD WE TRUST is by his head. On the reverse, the famous *Mayflower* is pictured sailing to Plymouth, with the words PILGRIM TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION around the ship. The years 1620-1920 are at the bottom. Coins struck in 1920 don't display the year they were minted, which was added in 1921 to distinguish the later issues from those struck the previous year.



Proceeds from sales of Pilgrim Tercentenary half dollars were used to fund *Mayflower* anniversary celebrations. (Photos: Stack's Bowers Galleries)

A Token

Another Thanksgiving-themed piece is the New York Washington Market Exchange token, made in 1863. On the obverse, the token shows a turkey surrounded by WASHINGTON MARKET EXCHANGE with a star on either side. The reverse displays vegetables with the words LIVE AND LET LIVE surrounding them, along with the year 1863 and the engraver's initials, G.G.L. The token is a Civil War storecard that was made to advertise the Washington Market Exchange.



This 1863 storecard advertising the Washington Market Exchange features a turkey on the obverse. (Photos: Stacks' Bowers Galleries)

I'm grateful for the opportunity to share these pieces with you. I hope you have a good Thanksgiving!

Cameron Djilo is 12 years old. He enjoys collecting coins, baseball cards, and Pokemon cards. He also likes playing video games, sports, board games, and watching YouTube. So far, he hasn't won any awards yet, but he looks forward to winning an award sometime in the near future.