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FEBRUARY – PRESIDENT'S MONTH



US MINT begins the sale of the next series of presidential proof coins of William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and Woodrow Wilson.

The 2013 edition of the United States Mint Presidential \$1 Coin Proof Set is the seventh annual release of four-dollar coins in the Presidential \$1 Coin Program. Each coin has a common reverse (tails side) design featuring a striking rendition of the Statue of Liberty. These 2013 coins feature large, dramatic artwork, as well

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PAN NOTES: Dealer bourse contracts were mailed out in January. If you are planning on setting up at our May show and did not receive a contract then give Blaine a call or email a request and we will get one out to you quickly. Don't forget that the table discount offer is only in effect for those paid in full before March 15, 2013. We have 32 dealers to date that have paid early and taken advantage of the savings.

PAN Coin Show - May 9, 10, 11, 2013

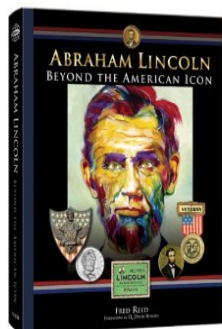
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BOOK REVIEW The following is small portion of a very comprehensive book review by John and Nancy Wilson. If you would like a copy of the complete review email your request to pancoins@gmail.com



ABRAHAM LINCOLN BEYOND THE AMERICAN ICON By FRED REED

ABRAHAM LINCOLN - Beyond the American Icon, Author Fred Reed,
Foreword by Q. David Bowers, Whitman Publishing, LLC, Atlanta, GA,
2013, Reviewed by John and Nancy Wilson, NLG

Abraham Lincoln – Beyond the American Icon by well-known and respected author Fred Reed, with a foreword by Q. David Bowers follows closely on the heels of his 2009 award winning reference Abraham Lincoln: The Image of His Greatness. This 2013 Hardcover reference has 464 pages and over 1400 full color images. The Fred Reed collection contains 4000 Lincoln items, many of which have been reproduced here. The cover of the book has a vivid and very famous image of Abraham Lincoln done by Artist Cathee A. “Cat” Clausen. Quoting Q. David Bowers Foreword, “The present book is indeed comprehensive; it would be a rare find indeed to locate a significant image of Lincoln as a product advertisement, medal, civic monument, or other manifestation not known to the author.”

The Introduction has the author’s thoughts and reflections on Lincoln, other personalities of the time, and highlights from the many different things you will find in the five chapters. We think that you will find a lot of useful information on Lincoln that won’t be found anyplace else. Why would anyone do another Lincoln book and quoting Fred, “Simply put, it is because I still have Abe-eagerness in my sinews, and my publisher thinks our public still has Abe-receptivity, too?” Fred goes on to say, “this new work has entirely new text, and all new illustrations, and the emphasis has shifted. Its predecessor book was more heavily slanted toward Lincoln the man and Lincoln the ideal-the Mythmaking phase of the story. This book is more heavily slanted toward Lincoln the idol and Lincoln the icon-the branding phase.” We especially liked the timelines the author used in all the chapters.



Copies can be ordered from Whitman at www.whitman.com/store They can also be purchased at the PAN show.

BOOK REVIEW ADDITIONAL EXCERPT: In the timeline of events, we found on September 12, 2007 a link to the George Eastman House, Rochester, NY, “the great repository and museum of photographic history, posts a short podcast to YouTube, entitled Abraham Lincoln Plate Negative.” You can learn about the plate and view the podcast at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEGcJGXjjT0>

1913 WALTON SPECIMAN LIBERTY NICKEL TO BE AUCTIONED

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

Could a 100-year-old nickel really be worth \$5 million? The appraisers at Heritage Auctions, where a 1913 Liberty Head nickel is set to be auctioned in April, certainly think so.

The Liberty Head nickel, sometimes called the V nickel, stopped being circulated in 1913, but a rogue Mint worker illegally cast five more.



If you think millions of dollars for a nickel sounds a bit steep, consider this: The coin is reportedly one of only five in existence in the entire world. And appraisers say its rarity wasn't the only consideration in determining its staggering value.

According to the [Associated Press](#), the coin also has a storied history. In 1913, the U.S. abandoned the Liberty Head nickel design when it began rolling out the Buffalo Nickel. But a scheming U.S. Mint worker named Samuel Brown illegally cast five more coins at the Philadelphia Mint.

In 1920, Brown put his five illegal coins up for sale, and, by 1942, they had all found new owners. One of the Liberty Heads was purchased by a George Walton for the price of \$3,750; the coin was apparently so precious to him that it was found on him when he died in a car crash in 1962.

Walton's sister took the coin and tried to resell it but was told that it was a fake. Dismayed, she put the coin away in an envelope in her cupboard, where it stayed for 30 years until some of her relatives discovered it again.

When the Walton's brought the nickel to a group of appraisers, they were told that it was worth millions. Douglas Mudd, a Colorado museum curator who said that a conservative estimate for the nickel would be about \$2 million, said the coin's back-story contributed as much to its value as its extreme rarity.

Photo from Heritage Auctions, to view lot <http://coins.ha.com/c/item.zx?saleNo=1184&lotIdNo=15001>

INDUSTRY COUNCIL for TANGIBLE ASSETS

PAN has renewed membership with ICTA for the 2013 calendar year. We are strong advocates of legislation that affects the numismatic hobby concerning issues that are of importance to both dealers and collectors.

In the past PAN and the financial contributions from our membership was instrumental in the repeal of Pennsylvania state sales tax on coins and bullion investment items. It was a battle that actually began in the 1980's before the law was finally changed through a 20-year effort. John Eshbach, PAN president during the early stages, took the tax fight on as one of PAN's focused projects.

Our continuing membership with ICTA ensures that we are informed of current law and pending changes that would affect the trade.

To learn more about ICTA: <http://www.ictaonline.org/>



PAN 2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES WILL BE MAILED SOON

If you have not paid your dues, then a notice will arrive shortly. The \$12 dues entitle you to three issues of our journal, *The Clarion*. It actually costs us \$6 per issue to print and mail. **Dealers that set up at our shows, please remember that you are required to be PAN members.** Please mail your dues so that on dealer set up day you can be checked in quickly. If you are not a member and would like to join, print and mail the application below. We would be delighted to have you!

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YES, I want to be part of Pennsylvania's State Coin Club. I understand that I will receive the Association's journal *The Clarion* (three issues per year); I will receive notification of upcoming PAN coin shows and conventions; my membership dues will help support PAN's numismatic education efforts across the state.

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My collecting interests are:

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Type: __INDIVIDUAL (\$12) __ASSOCIATE: living at same address (\$5) __LIFE MEMBER (\$200)

PAN eGRADE Opinions on the Mercury Dime featured in the last issue were very consistent between MS65 and MS66 with full split bands. It is a raw coin, not graded by one of the grading services. The center bands are split very nicely. The only criticism would be a very small nick within them. The coin has excellent luster. The interesting item on the obverse is the die clash that is in front of Liberty's nose. During the striking process, occasionally the blank or planchet does not move into position so the obverse and reverse dies collide and an impression is left on the die that will show up on the subsequent coins being struck. In this case the edges of the leaves from the reverse die are impressed on the obverse die.



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/panegrade/8262030530/lightbox/>

ANOTHER COIN TO GRADE We have some very good ancient dealers that set up at our shows. It is a little bit different grading ancient coins. Mint red blazing luster is no longer a possibility after a couple of millennia. The fun



part is identifying who it is. A good reference book is always the best tool but with a brush up on some Latin through an Internet search the mystery can be solved. You may even get interested in a new area to collect. *Hint:* He was considered one of the bad guys in the Roman world.

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COLLECTING TIP One of the popular advertisements in the newspapers or on television are offers of rare coins or medals that sound amazing. Some of the tag lines are gold or silver at historic high prices, limited quantities available, no dealers please, etc. Gold and silver are at high prices today. That is a true statement. The only problem is that the item being promoted only has a wash or valueless coating of the precious metal. Another red flag is the official sounding agency that offers these items for sale. They try to leave the impression that they are a special agent or branch of the U.S. Government but are very careful in the wording to not cross the line of deception. Now it must be said that if you love the artwork then buying it would be all right but don't think that you are going to walk into your local coin dealer and receive a generous offer. If you have been a victim of these types of promotions, don't be discouraged or curse the hobby. Take the opportunity to learn more to avoid another mistake. Even a long time collector has a story of being duped at one time or another.

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February 26, 2013 Tuesday **Coin and Currency Auction** Tues. 6:00 p.m. Preview at 5:00 p.m.
 New Stanton Firemen's Hall, Main St. New Stanton, PA John P. Sabota Auctioneer www.johnpsabotaauctioneer.com

March 9, 2013 Saturday **Indiana Annual Spring Coin Club Show** Admission Free Tables 40 Bourse Fee \$70
 Bourse info: John F. Busovicki Phone: 724-254-2471 Location: S&T Bank Arena 479 East Pike Rd. Indiana, PA

March 14 - 17, 2013 **Whitman Coin & Collectibles Baltimore Expo** Admission Free
 Bourse Info: David Crenshaw Phone: 404-214-4373 Email: info@whitmanexpo.com
 Location: Baltimore Convention Center One West Pratt St. Baltimore, MD 21201

March 23 - 24, 2013 Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 9am - 4pm **Scranton Coin Club** Free Admission and Parking
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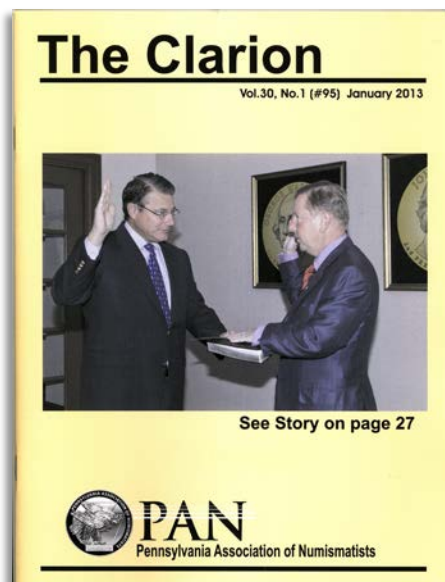
March 24, 2013 Sunday **North Hills CC Annual Coin Show** Admission Free Tables 40
 Bourse Info: Steve Laschon Phone: (412) 269-0181 Email: stephen@coinrarities.com
 Location: American Legion Post 474 308 West New Castle St. Zelienople, PA 16063



RECOMMENDED WEBSITE This is a great website for news and information. The videos hosted by David Lisot allow the viewer to see what the major coin shows are like and the state of the marketplace for rare coins. Link at: <http://www.coinweek.com/>

PAN JOURNAL MAILED TO MEMBERS The Clarion was mailed last month to those that are paid members (\$12 per calendar year). The cover shows PAN President, Tom Uram being sworn in as the newest member of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee in Washington, DC. This was created by congress to advise the Secretary of the Treasury regarding the design selection chosen on U.S. coinage.

Our journal is filled with 30 to 40 pages of articles of interest and information. Editor Rich Jewell has made it into a top shelf publication. He is always looking for articles and advertisers. Below is a list of our Clarion advertisers along with a few of the display ads along with others that will be featured in this and future PAN eNEWS editions. If you would like to have your coin business ad appear in The Clarion and eNEWS contact us at: pancoins@gmail.com



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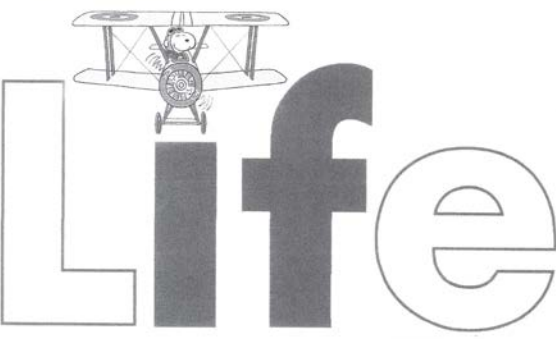
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