

Item	Qty	Fine Wt	Price	Cost/Oz	Premium
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Eagle	10	1.0000	2,047.50	2047.50	5.7%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.5000	1,071.25	2142.50	10.6%
*U.S. 1/4 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.2500	550.50	2202.00	13.7%
*U.S. 1/10 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.1000	237.30	2373.00	22.5%
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Buffalo	10	1.0000	2,047.50	2047.50	5.7%
*U.S. 1 Oz Medallion	10	1.0000	1,997.00	1997.00	3.1%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Medallion	10	0.5000	Not Available		
*Australia 1 Oz Kangaroo	10	1.0000	2,012.50	2012.50	3.9%
*Austria 100 Corona	10	0.9802	1,952.75	1992.20	2.8%
*Austria 1 Oz Philharmonic	10	1.0000	2,035.75	2035.75	5.1%
*Canada 1 Oz Maple Leaf	10	1.0000	2,012.50	2012.50	3.9%
*Canada 1x25 Maplegram	10	0.8039	1,790.75	2227.58	15.0%
*China 30 Gram Panda	10	0.9646	Not Available		
*China 1 Oz Panda	10	1.0000	Not Available		
*Mexico 50 Peso	10	1.2057	2,421.75	2008.58	3.7%
*S. Africa Krugerrand	10	1.0000	2,004.75	2004.75	3.5%
*1 Oz Ingot	10	1.0000	2,008.75	2008.75	3.7%
*Austria 1 Ducat	10	0.1107	Not Available		
*British Sovereign	10	0.2354	491.50	2087.94	7.8%
*France 20 Franc	10	0.1867	392.50	2102.30	8.5%
*Swiss 20 Franc	10	0.1867	394.00	2110.34	8.9%
\$20 Liberty BU	10	0.9675	2,125.00	2196.38	13.4%
\$20 St Gaudens BU	10	0.9675	2,125.00	2196.38	13.4%
\$20 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.9675	2,095.00	2165.37	11.8%
\$10 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.4838	1,060.00	2190.99	13.1%
\$10 Indian Extremely Fine	10	0.4838	1,080.00	2232.33	15.2%
\$5 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.2419	560.00	2315.01	19.5%
\$5 Indian Extremely Fine	10	0.2419	575.00	2377.02	22.7%
\$2.50 Liberty Extreme Fine	10	0.1209	375.00	3101.74	60.1%
\$2.50 Indian Extreme Fine	10	0.1209	360.00	2977.67	53.7%
*U.S. 90% Silver Coin	1,000	715	20,170.00	28.21	8.4%
*U.S. 40% Silver Coin	1,000	295	8,160.00	27.66	6.3%
*U.S. Peace Dollars, VG+	1,000	760	Not Available		
*U.S. Silver Eagles	1,000	1,000	33,270.00	33.27	27.9%
*Canada Silver Maple Leaf	1,000	1,000	30,770.00	30.77	18.3%
*100 Oz Silver Ingot	10	100	2,892.00	28.92	11.1%
*10 Oz Silver Ingot	100	10	291.70	29.17	12.1%
*1 Oz Silver Ingot	1,000	1	29.17	29.17	12.1%
*1 Oz Platinum Ingot	10	1.0000	1,042.00	1042.00	8.5%
*U.S. 1 Oz Platinum Eagle	10	1.0000	1,133.00	1133.00	18.0%
*Canada Palladium ML	10	1.0000	2,315.00	2315.00	4.5%

Gold:	\$1,937.00
Silver:	\$26.02
Platinum:	\$960.00
Palladium:	\$2,215.00

Notes from Liberty

By Allan Beegle
LCS Chief Numismatist

Note: For most of past two months, the COMEX closing prices often differed significantly from the bid and ask spot prices used by Liberty Coin Service to trade physical precious metals. Starting yesterday, the COMEX closing prices noted above were again close to the same as the spot prices used by Liberty to buy and sell physical precious metals.

July sales here at Liberty Coin Service were the highest of any month in more than seven years! Volume soared all month long as gold and silver prices were rising.

As you might suspect, sales from our featured offerings in last month's newsletter were strong. If you picked up some of those bargains, pat yourself on the back. Because of rising gold and silver prices, many of these coins today would sell for higher prices—if we could find more.

In markets of rising gold and silver prices, we find that the rarer coins tend to follow the pattern of higher prices, but on a delayed basis. Right now, that means that some of the best bargains can be found among the rarer numismatic issues.

Greater volume means that we have acquired many more rare coins over the past month. This has allowed us to be selective in compiling our offer this month of **More One-Of-A-Kind And Small Lot Bargain Rarities!** There is a wide diversity of treasures on the list—from one of the earliest coins ever struck by the US Mint to better-date US Gold Coins (some of which we offer at a common-date price), to an incredibly low mintage Australian Gold Coin and one of the very few gold coins dated 1962 which we offer at a bullion

LCS Postage Charges

Value of Contents	Postage Charge
Under \$100	\$5
\$100-249	\$10
\$250-499	\$18
\$500-999	\$25
\$1,000-4,999	\$30
\$5,000 and higher	None

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Coins, Rolls and Sets

U.S. 10 pc Gold Medallion Set, 1980-1984, BU			\$15,550
U.S. Morgan Dollar, 1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20			\$995
U.S. Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20			\$995
U.S. Peace Dollar, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20			\$795

Gold:	\$1,937.00
Silver:	\$26.02
Platinum:	\$960.00
Palladium:	\$2,215.00

Numismatic Coins (PCGS/NGC/ICG Graded)

	MS-63	MS-64	MS-65
U.S. \$20.00 St Gaudens	2,360	2,500	2,840
U.S. \$20.00 Liberty	2,540	2,875	3,350
U.S. \$10.00 Liberty	1,225	1,415	2,420
U.S. \$5.00 Liberty	700	830	1,475
U.S. 4 pc Indian Gold Type Set	5,145	6,255	13,065
U.S. 4 pc Liberty Gold Type Set	4,915	5,585	7,855
U.S. 8 pc Gold Type Set	10,000	11,690	20,470
U.S. Morgan Dollar (Pre-1921)	68	83	150
U.S. Peace Dollar	53	67	120

Prices quoted are for quantities indicated, and are actual selling prices at today's closes. Smaller lots are available at slightly higher prices. No Michigan Sales Tax on rare coins or precious metals bullion. Numismatic purchases have a 14 day return period. Orders for bullion-priced items (marked with *) are not returnable and, after confirmation, cannot be cancelled.

price!

As most featured items this month are one-of-a-kind, I urge you to check the enclosed offers and call us quickly with your order. Contact our **Trading Desk toll-free at 800-527-2375** to check on availability and confirm your order.

Here are other fresh additions to tempt you:

Affordable Indian Chief \$5.00 Silver Certificate: From 1899 to 1923, the US issued a \$5.00 Silver Certificate with the central vignette of Hunkpapa Lakota Sioux Indian Chief Running Antelope. Running Antelope early on was allied with Chief Sitting Bull, but fell away from him when he rejected the warpath and sought to become friends with white settlers.

The issue of this Large Size Paper Money created a minor scandal. Running Antelope refused to wear the Pawnee chief headdress when posing for the Silver Certificate's artist (his own headdress was too tall to fit within the space for the artwork). So, he was allowed to pose for the artist wearing his own headdress. The artist later had another model wear the Pawnee headdress to complete Running Antelope's vignette. Perhaps fortunately for the Chief, he died two years before the first of these notes were issued.

The Indian Chief \$5.00 Silver Certificate is one of the most popular of all US Paper Money designs. In the survey for the book *100 Greatest American Currency Notes*, this Large Size note ranked 10th most popular.

We were fortunate to handle a hoard of

these notes back in the 1980s. Now attractive circulated specimens are few and far between. This Fine-15 specimen has been graded by PMG. At **\$450**, it is one of the more affordable examples we have handled in a few years. **Bonus:** Buy this note and, we will send you a free copy of the *100 Greatest American Currency Notes* book (retail \$29.95).

Affordable Ancient Roman Julius Caesar Silver Denarius: We could have sold multiple pieces of the Roman Emperor Augustus Silver Denarius offered last month. Julius Caesar issues are even scarcer, and also seem to sell instantly. They also cost more than the same quality of Augustus coins.

This Very Fine Julius Caesar specimen is toward the most affordable you could hope to find, other than for damaged coins. It is the famous "Elephant" coin, which features a standing elephant on one side above the world CAESAR. As is common with this issue, the piece was struck slightly off-center with the head and neck of the animal so close to the edge that their details don't show. On the reverse, the priest's implements used by Caesar are all sharp except for the one opposite the elephant's head and neck. This is the second time we have handled this specimen. At **\$695**, there is a lot of history here.

Gem Uncirculated-65 EPQ 10 Cents Fractional Currency: William

M. Meredith was an honest and fearless attorney who served President's Taylor and Fillmore as Secretary of the Treasury from 1849-1850. He died in 1873, which made it possible to use his image for the Fifth Issue 10 Cents Fractional Currency in 1874.

This PMG-certified note is one of the nicest specimens we have ever handled. Of all Fractional Currency from the 1860s and 1870s, this is one of the most affordable in top condition. We wish we could have several of them. It can be yours for **\$165**.

Discounts On Pre-1934 US Gold

Coins: We sometimes acquire extra specimens of Pre-1934 US Gold Coins beyond what we regularly stock. Rather than sell them wholesale, we would prefer to offer them at a money-saving price to you. As I prepare these *Notes From Liberty*, we have some lovely extra 1932 \$10.00 Indians in Choice MS-63 quality, certified by either PCGS or NGC. While this group lasts, you can purchase them at a **\$20 discount from our regular price** for these coins. Call to check on the current price.

1865 SS Republic Shipwreck Ceramic Ink Pot:

At the end of the Civil War, the economies of the southern states were devastated. Manufacturers and merchants in the northern states hurried to ship goods to the needy people. The former Union ship SS Mobile was sold to a private company and renamed the SS Republic. The new owners quickly established a schedule between New York City and New Orleans.

On its fifth private journey, the SS Republic sank off the coast of Georgia on October 25, 1865. In addition to thousands of US Half Dollars on board the ship, there were a variety of consumer goods.

Along with salvaging the coins in 2003, the treasure hunters also rescued several Staffordshire, England-made Ceramic Ink Pots that would have been used in businesses, offices, schools, and homes. Although these ink pots survived virtually intact, the paper label, the cork stopper, and the wax that sealed the stopper did not survive resting 1,700 below the surface of the Atlantic.

We offer two of these, each with the ink pot, a wooden stand, certificate of authenticity and the book *Bottles From The Deep*. The salvage company sells this group along with a video for \$350, but we offer these for just **\$89** apiece. These ceramic ink pots are intriguing pieces of history.



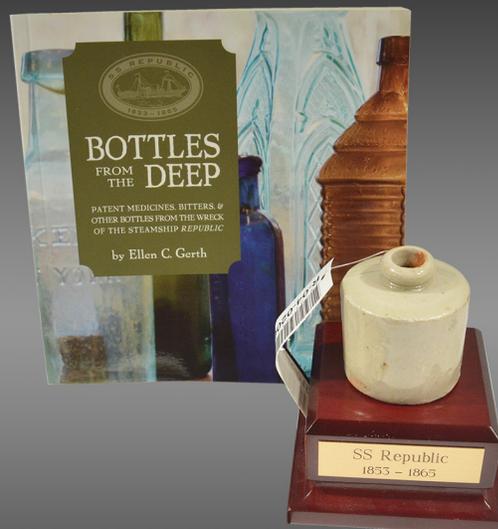
1899 \$5 Silver Certificate
Ch. Fine-15 PMG Certified - \$450



Ancient Rome, Julius Caesar (49-44 BC),
AR Denarius, VF - \$695



Fifth Issue 10 Cents Fractional Currency
 Gem Unc. 65 EPQ PMG Certified - \$165



1865 SS Republic Shipwreck Ceramic Ink Pot - \$89

More One-Of-A-Kind And Small Lot Bargain Rarities!

By Tom Coulson, LCS General Manager, and Allan Beegle, LCS Chief Numismatist

Strong gold and silver price increases have been mostly matched by comparable rising prices for many Common-Date gold and silver coins. As we have seen in past precious metals price booms, some of the best bargains in such markets occur in the coins of greater rarity that tend to experience price increases on a delayed basis.

Even though major coin shows are still on hold, rising gold and silver prices have brought us a plethora of numismatic coins from dealers and customers across the country. This has allowed us to be selective in which pieces to include in this offer. This list includes some coins that are so rare we have never before carried them in our inventory in our 49 years in business. Some others are the highest quality or among the top condition pieces we have ever handled.

All but one of these coins have been independently certified by either the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) or Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) as well as meeting our own strict quality standards.

Enjoy reviewing this variety of treasures. Pick your favorites. Then call our Trading Desk direct toll free at **800-527-2375** to confirm availability and place your order. Be sure to refer to our Computer Quotes page for the postage costs.

For fastest shipment, you may use your Discover, Mastercard, or Visa credit cards for payment (except for the China 2009 50 Yuan Gold Pandas and Tonga 1962 Gold Quarter

Koula that are priced at bullion levels, where you would need to send us a check).

As with all of our numismatic offerings, you must be satisfied. You have 14 days upon your receipt to return them for a full, no-questions refund.

US Coins

1793 Wreath Cent, Very Good-8, PCGS—\$4,350.

When the US Mint began regular coin production in 1793, the only two denominations it struck were Half Cents and Cents. Mintages were tiny: only 35,334 of the Flowing Hair Half Cents, 36,103 of the Flowing Hair Chain Reverse Cents, 63,353 of the Flowing Hair Wreath Reverse Cents, and 11,056 of the Liberty Cap Cents. All are incredible rarities.

The Mint did not have the ability to strike its own coin planchets in 1793, so obtained them from a private supplier in England. Many of these

planchets were of poor condition. In addition, US Mint personnel were starting their operation from scratch, meaning it took some time to create consistently well-struck coins.

Coins struck in 1793 almost all entered circulation. Over time, most surviving specimens suffered damage along with wear. As a result, there are few 1793 Half Cents and Cents in problem-free condition.

The original Chain Reverse Large Cent featured a chain of 13 interlocked circles, intended to signify unity among the states. Instead, there was a public outcry that it instead symbolized slavery. As a result, a new reverse was created with a wreath replacing the chain, in line with the Half Cent reverse. Still, the obverse depiction of Liberty was not considered a satisfactory depiction of Liberty, with the result that the obverse design was changed to the Liberty Cap style later in 1793.

The 1793 Wreath Cent is the “common” US coin issue that year, though problem-free examples are few and far between. Over the past 34 years, PCGS and NGC combined have certified a paltry 172 pieces in Very-Good-8 and all higher grades. It is the first problem-free example we have handled in more than a decade.

PCGS Retail is \$5,100 while *Coin Values* is \$4,500. We doubt you could match the quality of this coin at our price. This would be a prized piece in almost every collection.

1838 Hard Times Token, HT-81 “Am I Not A Woman And A Sister?”, Mint State-61, NGC—\$750.

There were constant coin shortages in early American History. From 1832 to 1844, many private merchants purchased tokens (at a typical cost of \$6 for 1,000 pieces) that circulated freely as one cent coins.

Many Hard Times Tokens advertised merchants while others promoted political themes. One of the most famous of all issues advocated an abolitionist theme by portraying a slave kneeling in chains, with the motto “Am I Not A Woman And A Sister?”

Uncirculated Hard Times Tokens are virtually unknown, with this specimen being among the very highest we have ever had in inventory in our 49 years in business. PCGS has graded only 3 pieces and NGC another 39 in all grades from MS-61 and higher. We found Mint State specimens of this issue that sold in auctions in 2017 and 2019, both for well over \$1,000. At our price, you are unlikely to find another.

1865 Two Cents, Gem Mint State Uncirculated-65 Red, NGC—\$975.

The short-lived Two Cents series, issued for cir-





culuation from 1864 to 1872, was created to help alleviate the Civil War's circulating coin shortage. It was the first US coin to bear the motto, "In God We Trust." Mintage was moderate for the time, 13,640,000 coins in 1865. Together, PCGS and NGC have certified a total of 297 Gem MS-65 Red ex-

amples and only another 78 Red specimens in all higher grades. This is nicest 1865 Two Cents we have ever handled. *PCGS Retail* is \$1,100 and *Coin Values* is \$1,050.

1872 Two Cents, Mint State-61 Brown, PCGS—\$2,695.



The 1872 Two Cents had, by far, the lowest mintage of any Two Cents struck for circulation—just 65,000 coins. By the time this date was released, the denomination had largely disappeared from circulation. Combined, PCGS and NGC have certified a mere 261 coins in MS-61 and all higher grades. This is one of the finest specimens we have ever had the honor to own. *PCGS Retail* is \$3,100. In MS-60 Brown and MS-62 Red and Brown

grades, *Coin Values* is \$3,000 and \$3,240, respectively.

1957 Franklin Half Dollar, Near Perfect Proof-69, NGC—\$325.



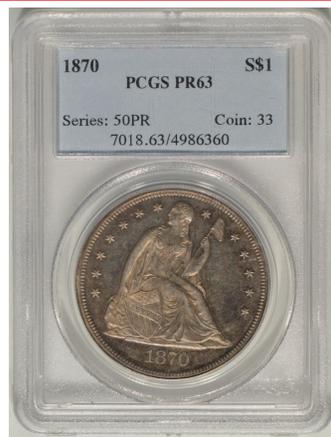
This may be as high grade of any date of Proof Franklin Half Dollar we have ever handled. PGCS and NGC together have certified 1,350 in this grade and none higher. If you want virtual perfection in a coin from this era, this coin is it! *PCGS Retail* is \$475. *Coin Values* catalogs a Superb Gem Proof-67 Deep Cameo for \$500.

1962 Franklin Half Dollar, Superb Gem Proof-67 Ultra Cameo-67, NGC—\$150.



In this era, only the first proofs struck from fresh dies imparted the frosty white surfaces to Franklin, the Liberty Bell, Eagle, and the letters and numbers with a strong contrast to the mirror-like fields. This coin is all there. If 1962 is a meaningful year to you, here you go.

Coin Values is \$200 while *PCGS Retail* is \$215. Another specimen of this quality sold in a major auction earlier this year for \$230.



1870 Seated Liberty With Motto Silver Dollar, Choice Proof-63, PCGS—\$3,350.

With a meager mintage of 1,000 coins, this is the lowest mintage US coin in this offer. It is possible we have handled another example in our history, but we just don't recall it (Both Allan Beegle and Inventory Manager Paul Manderscheid began working for LCS in 1972).

This coin has relatively even light to moderate golden-brown toning to attest to its original surfaces. Both

PCGS Retail and *Coin Values* catalog this coin for \$4,000.

1903, 1905, and 1906 \$2.50 Liberty, Choice Mint State-63, PCGS/NGC—\$499 each (1, 1, And 2 Coins Available).

The 1907 \$2.50 Liberty, with a mintage of 336,294, has a combined PCGS/NGC MS-63+ population of 13,751. The three dates offered here have mintages of 201,060, 217,800, and 176,330 respectively. They have MS-63+ certified populations of 8,380, 8,743, and 7,492. They are not rarities for the series, but definitely not as common as the 1907 in high grades. While they last, they are still available at the same price as the 1907. By the way, in mid-1989, these coins would have cost you \$2,525 apiece.

1911 \$2.50 Indian, Choice Mint State-63, NGC—\$565.

The \$2.50 and \$5.00 Indian Series were the first US coins with incuse designs, where the artwork was sunk below the field instead of raised above it. The 1911 \$2.50 Indian has a PCGS/NGC MS-63+ population of 5,830, making it almost exactly three times rarer than the 1925-D issue with and MS-63+ population of 16,452. While the 1911 date in MS-63 catalogs at \$100 higher than the 1925-D in both *PCGS Retail* and *Coin Values*, we offer it here for only an extra \$10 over the 1925-D price.

1892 \$5.00 Liberty, Choice Mint State-63, NGC—\$795, and 1903 \$5.00 Liberty, Choice Mint State-63, NGC—\$775.

Here are two significantly less common \$5.00 Liberties in high grades. In MS-63+ quality, PCGS and NGC together have certified 11,855 of the 1900 \$5.00 Liberty. To compare, they have certified just 754 of





for the 1887-S. Both are tiny in comparison to the 1904 mintage of 6,256,699 coins. The rarity is even more stark when you look at the PCGS/NGC MS-61+ populations: 2,056 for the 1878, 1,530 for the 1887-S, and a massive 428,872 for the 1904. That makes

the 1892 and 905 of the 1903 in MS-63 and all higher grades. That makes them more than 15 and 13 times rarer than the 1900 issue.

Yet, for all this rarity, we offer the 1892 date for barely 14% more than you would pay for the same grade in the 1900 date, and less than 11% extra to acquire the 1903. What's not to like?

Mintage for the 1900 date was 1,405,500, while that of the 1892 was 753,480 and the 1903 was a modest 228,870.

Catalog values are goofy, partly because they use earlier values for the gold spot. The MS-63 1892 lists as a common-date in *PCGS Retail* while the 1903 catalogs for \$915. In *Coin Values*, the 1892 lists for \$100 above the common date; the 1903 lists at a \$200 premium to the 1900 in MS-63.

1888 \$10.00 Liberty, Mint State-60, NGC—\$1,299, and 1894 \$10.00 Liberty, Choice Mint State-63, NGC—\$1,225. The 1888 \$10.00 Liberty has a low mintage of 132,921, while the 1894 saw 2,470,735 coins struck. The 1901-S has a mintage of 2,812,750.

The 1888 date is so scarce that in 34 years PCGS and NGC combined have certified just 455 Mint State specimens, making it more than 85 times rarer than the 1901-S in Mint State. The MS-63+ population of the 1894 is 11,296, which makes it more than twice as scarce as the 1901-S in high grade. *PCGS Retail* catalogs the 1888 for \$175 more than the 1901-S in MS-60 while *Coin Values* lists it at a \$275 premium. Our price is only a \$174 premium. The MS-63 1894 \$10.00 Liberty lists at the common-date price in *PCGS Retail* while *Coin Values* shows it at a \$50 premium. The LCS money-saving prices for these two coins are to price the 1888 at only a \$150 premium and the 1894 at a \$0 premium to what you would pay for the 1901-S in the same grades.

1878 \$20.00 Liberty, Mint State-61, PCGS—\$2,495, and 1887-S \$20.00 Liberty, Mint State-61, PCGS—\$2,540. Mint State specimens of pre-1898 \$20.00 Liberties are much less com-



mon than their mintages might lead you to expect—543,625 for the 1878 and 283,000

the 1878 in MS-61+ grades more than 208 times scarcer than the 1904, and the 1887-S greater than 280 times rarer! We have had a few other specimens of these dates in these grades over the years, but it has been a while

Both *PCGS Retail* and *Coin Values* catalog listings are obsolete. Extrapolating from the changes in the spot price, though, the 1878 and 1887-S indicate a premium of about \$500 to the 1904. Our prices are only \$225 and \$270 above the MS-61 common date.

1907 \$20.00 Saint Gaudens, Very Choice Mint State-64, PCGS—\$2,650. The original High Relief 1907 \$20.00 Saint Gaudens proved so difficult to strike in full detail that after Saint Gauden's death, Mint Chief Engraver Charles Barber reworked the dies to a lower relief. Whenever we get one of these 1907 Saints, struck a year before the motto "In God We Trust" was added to the design near the bottom of the reverse, they sell almost instantly—many times to go into the collection of a coin dealer. We picked up this beauty just a few days ago.

PCGS Retail only shows a \$25 premium for this date to the 1924 in MS-64 condition, but *Coin Values* had it at \$350 higher. Our price is only a \$150 premium to the 1924 date.

1926 \$2.50 Sesquicentennial Commemorative, Choice Mint State-63, PCGS—\$499. This coin has the highest mintage of the 13-pieces Classical Gold Commemoratives struck from 1903-1926, but only 46,019 coins were ever struck. In absolute terms, it is much scarcer than the 1907 \$2.50 Liberty, which had a mintage of 336,294 and a PCGS MS-63+ population of 13,751. In fact, it is a scarcer \$2.50 Quarter Eagle Gold design than any series going back to 1834!

However, most Classic Gold Com-



memoratives never entered circulation. Instead they were saved by collectors. As a result, the MS-63+ \$2.50 Gold Sesquicentennial has a PCGS/NGC combined population of 14,943.

The reverse design of Independence Hall in Philadelphia was later adapted for the reverse of the 1976 Bicentennial Half dollar, the second instance of such recycling (the depiction of the Liberty Bell on reverse of the 1926 Sesquicentennial Half Dollar Commemorative was reused for the reverse of the 1948-1963 Franklin Half Dollars). At our price that is exactly the same as for the common 1907 \$2.50 Liberty in the same grade, there's a lot to like.

1872 Washington Head Octagonal 1/4 Dollar California Territorial Gold, BG-722, Mint State-61, PCGS—\$950.



This is the second time we have owned this California Gold Quarter with the exceedingly scarce George Washington Head obverse design.

The Coinage Act of April 22, 1864 made privately minted gold coins illegal, but it was not fully enforced until 1883. Some struck from 1864-1882 did enter circulation, but most, such as this issue from Frontier & Bellemere Jewelers, were marketed as keepsakes.

PCGS and NGC have graded just 187 of this issue in MS-61 and all higher grades. That's an average of less than 6 pieces per year. *PCGS Retail* catalogs this piece for \$1,000 while *A Guidebook Of United States Coins 2021* lists this issue at \$1,250 for MS-60 quality.

Foreign Coins

2006 Australia \$5.00 1/25 Oz Gold Koala, Perfect Proof-70 Ultra Cameo, NGC—\$149.



This is the most affordable coin in this offering. The Australian Perth Mint struck 2,519 of these tiny gold coins. NGC has certified just 130 coins, of which one was graded Near Perfect Proof-69 and 129 as Perfect Proof-70 Ultra Cameo. The Perth Mint struck few Gold Koalas over the years, instead focusing on using the animal mostly on platinum issues until recent years.

The NGC label notes that the coin is "One of the first 350 struck." It appears that every NGC-certified piece has this reference. When we checked, we could not find any other specimens available for sale anywhere.

2015 Australia \$100.00 1 Oz Gold Great White Shark, Perfect Proof-70 Ultra Cameo, NGC—\$2,550.



We have actually had this super rare coin for some time, but could not offer it for sale because we could not find any price guidance. That recently changed.

The Perth Mint struck an infinitesimal 320 specimens of this High Re-

lief commemorative. NGC has certified 8 coins in Near Perfect Proof-69 UC condition and 204 in Perfect Proof-70 UC grades. Thus, it would be difficult to ever find another specimen.

However, less than three months ago, a Proof-70 Ultra Cameo coin sold in auction for \$2,475—when the gold spot price was \$1,753.50. Another dealer now has a Proof-69 US piece for sale now at \$2,879. A different dealer is offering to sell another Proof-60 UC example at a whopping \$7,499! Our coin is better value than the rest.

2009 China 50 Yuan 1/10 Oz Panda, Near Perfect Mint State-69, NGC—\$239 (3 coins available), and Perfect Mint State-70, NGC—\$259 (2 coins available).

In 2009, China Mint production of these smaller gold coins was still minimal—just 150,000 coins. By 2012, mintages had surged to 800,000. NGC has graded 4,375 coins in Near Perfect Mint State-69 condition, with another 2,056 in Perfect Mint State-70 quality.

If we had to chase these coins, they would cost us more than the bullion-related price at which we offer them to you. However, since we were able to acquire them at the wholesale bid side of the market, we pass along the savings to you. When they are gone, however, we won't be able to get more at these prices.

Note: since these coins and the Tonga rarity below are priced at bullion-related prices, you cannot use a charge card to purchase them. You must send us a check for payment.



1962 Tonga Quarter Koula, Gem Mint State-65+—priced at 15% above the current gold value (Ask gold spot x .2393 oz gold content plus 15%).

1962 was a year in which very few gold coins were struck. There is the British Sovereign, Chile 50 Pesos, Chile 100 Pesos, South Africa 1 Rand, South Africa 2 Rand, and at least two others besides the coin offered here. We cannot recall the last time we have had a gold coin of this date.

The reasons 1962-dated gold coins are so scarce is that they were no longer in circulation anywhere and it was illegal for Americans to own them. Consequently, 1962-dated gold coins are rare in the US.

In 1962, the South Pacific nation of Tonga issued a set of three gold coins to commemorate the then 44-year reign of Queen Salote. The Quarter Koula offered here has an alleged proof mintage of 6,300 although Mint State issues are reported. The Half Koula has a reported proof mintage of 3,000, but Mint State pieces are known. The Koula has a reported Mint State issue of 1,500 specimens, though Proofs are reported).

At any rate, there are comparatively few collectors of Tonga gold coins, so you can purchase this coin for just 15% above the ask gold spot price times the gold content (0.3293 oz). At \$1,950 gold spot price, for instance, this coin would cost you \$536.63. If the year 1962 means anything special to you, you may never have another opportunity to own a gold coin from that year. Comes packaged in its original display box.

