

# Coin Chronicles

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## Not all Grading Services are created Equal

-Harry Garrison

*While in Colorado Springs for one of the Summer Seminars, I picked up two new Washington Medals at the local coin show.*

*I wanted to send them to PCGS for certification, but needed additional pieces to make the submission worth the effort. PCGS only recently has offered grading and encapsulation of medals. And it was with that thought in mind, I thought I would conduct a grading test between NGC and PCGS using some previously graded medals by NGC.*

*I found six medals in my inventory that had been grad-*

*ed by NGC and had problems noted on their holder. It would be fun and enlightening to compare the results. But to be certain that the comparison would be fair, I removed the medals from the NGC holders so that the medals would be submitted raw.*

*The six medals removed from NGC holders were;*

*1865 Dated Lincoln medal; King-247 WM; Broken Column  
NGC graded Unc Details; Rim Filing*

*1875 Washington medal; Baker-292D; WM; Magna Est Veritas  
NGC graded AU Details; Improperly Cleaned*

*1832 Washington Medal; Baker-160H; Lead; Phila. Civic Procession  
NGC graded XF Details; Restrike; Environmental Damage*

*1889 Washington medal; Douglass-21; WM; Old Federal Building  
NGC graded Unc Details; Improperly Cleaned*

*1889 Washington medal;*

*Douglass-17, Bronze; D. Thompson's Play  
NGC graded AU Details; Improperly Cleaned*

*1909 So-Called \$; HK-370; Hendrick Hudson Daalder; WM  
NGC graded Unc. Details; Rim Filing*

*I gave a total of 8 medals to PCGS at the summer Whitman show in Baltimore. 2 recent purchases plus 6 medals removed from NGC holders all having problems noted on their NGC holder.*

*All the medals were returned in early October encapsulated in PCGS holders.*

*The two purchased medals were graded as follows*

*1865 Washington medal; Baker 97B; WM; Washington Star  
PCGS graded AU55*

*1889 Washington medal; Baker51-G; WM; Chicago Commemoration  
PCGS graded AU53*

*In my opinion, accurate and predictable results for the two medals.*

*As for the former NGC prob-*

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## COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

By Bill Liatys

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### LOCAL SHOW SCHEDULE

**PARSIPPANY** *January 8th at Sunday 9 AM – 3 PM*  
*Pal Bldg 33 Baldwin Road Parsnippany NJ*

**BURLINGTON** *January 8th Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM*  
*Burlington Mason Lodge Route 541 Burlington, NJ*

**TREVOSE** *January 15th Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM*  
*Trevose Fire House 4900 Street Road Trevose, PA*

**TRI-STATE COIN & STAMP SHOW** *January 22 Sunday 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM*  
*Sheraton Bucks County 400 Oxford Valley Road Langhorne, PA*

**FLORIDA UNITED NUMISMATISTS (FUN)** *January 5 – January 8 Thurs – Sunday*  
*Thursday – Friday 10 AM – 6:30 PM Saturday – 10 AM – 5:30 PM*  
*Sunday – 10 AM – 3 PM*  
*Broward County Convention Center 1950 Eisenhower Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, Florida*

**WILMINGTON COIN CLUB SHOW** *January 12 – January 14*  
*Thurs – Sat 10 AM – 6 PM*  
*Nur Shrine Temple 198 South DuPont Highway New Castle, Delaware*

**WHITMAN COIN & COLLECTIBLES** *March 3rd to April 7th Thursday – Sunday*  
*Thursday – Noon – 6 PM Friday – Saturday - 10 AM – 6 PM Sunday – 10 AM – 3 PM*  
*Baltimore Convention Center One W. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD*

#### *President's Message*

The last meeting of 2016 is here. I hope everyone has enjoyed our members and the presentations during the year. Many thanks to everyone that has contributed to administration, presentations, the auctions and show and tell! Best wishes for healthy and Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

*Drew Waholek*

*lem medals, I got the following results;*

*1865 dated Lincoln medal; King -247; WM; Broken Column*



*PCGS graded AU58; no problem noted on holder*



*1875 Washington medal; Baker 292D; WM; Magna Est Veritas*

*PCGS graded Genuine AU Details; Cleaning; no Baker number noted on the holder*

*1832 Washington Medal; Baker-160H; Lead; Philadelphia Civic Procession*

*PCGS graded AU55; no problem noted or labeled as a restrrike*



*1889 Washington medal; Douglass-21; WM; Old Federal Building*

*PCGS graded AU55; No problem noted on holder*

*1889 Washington medal; Douglass-17, Bronze; D. Thompson's Play*

*PCGS graded Genuine AU Details; Cleaning*

*1909 So-Called \$; HK-370; Hendrick Hudson Daalder; WM*

*PCGS graded MS64*



*Four of the NGC coins that were in holders with problems noted, are now in PCGS holders with no problems. The So-Called Dollar HK-370 is now in a PCGS MS64 slab. Even more important, the 1832 Civic Procession medal in lead, which NGC had incorrectly noted on the label as a re-strike; PCGS agreed with me that the medal was an original 1832 striking..*

*I'll let you make your own judgement about which service is better when it comes to medals, but you have to realize that the services are simply rendering an opinion, and often there is more than one.*





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## Articles Wanted

If you have a topic you'd like to be covered in the Newsletter... write an article or submit your idea. Don't be shy....do it. All entries are welcome. Articles will appear in the Newsletter as soon as possible and might be edited for space consideration, not editorial content.

## Did you Know?

16. *Sacagawea, Susan B. Anthony, and Helen Keller are the only women honored on a circulating coin. Sacagawea appeared on the obverse of the golden Dollar, Susan B. Anthony appeared on the obverse of the dollar coin, and Helen Keller appeared on the reverse of the Alabama quarter.*

17. *The Philadelphia Mint covers five acres of land.*

18. *The first coin to feature an African-American was the Booker T. Washington Memorial Half Dollar.*

19. *Calvin Coolidge was the first President to have his portrait appear on a coin struck during his lifetime.*

20. *George Washington first appeared on a commemorative dollar, with the Marquis de Lafayette, in 1899.*

## Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your attention and contributions to the TNC Newsletter. We are fortunate to live in a time and a country where we are free to do as we wish. No matter what your beliefs are you are free to follow. In this holiday season, take some time for yourself and your families. Think about good times and try to do something unexpected for someone in need.

All the best!

Joe Pargola



*It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it.*

Benjamin Franklin

## Meeting Schedule

The Trenton Numismatic Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the

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