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LSCC Member Voting for The James B. Pryor Numismatic Research Award Best Research Article In GJ Issues #76 - #100

This issue of the *E-Gobrecht* is a special edition and published late-September 2009. It is solely dedicated to assisting the Liberty Seated Collectors Club members with voting for *The James B. Pryor Numismatic Research Award*; the best research article in issues #76-100 of the *Gobrecht Journal*. This award was created to recognize an outstanding contribution in numismatic research on Liberty Seated coinage and is named after James B. Pryor, one of the original group of eight who created the *Gobrecht Journal* in 1974.

At the 2008 LSCC annual meeting in Baltimore, one member raised a very valid question - "how can I vote for the best article ... if I don't have those issues?" To assist those members without the back issues of the *Gobrecht Journal*, the officers of the LSCC decided to publish a short paragraph on the content of each of all articles on the ballot. That information is contained herein.

In this issue of the *E-Gobrecht*, you will find a short paragraph summarizing the contents of each article on the ballot. These paragraphs contain only facts and

any editorials, either real or implied, are purely unintentional.

Please review this information and the articles (if available), decide on your voting, mark your ballot, and return it in accordance with the instructions provided with the ballot. The ballots were postal mailed to all LSCC members on September 21st. If you did not receive a ballot, please contact John McCloskey, LSCC President, at the following address:

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Thanks for your participation in this club event and we look forward to receiving your ballot.

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**A Study of 1876 Liberty Seated Half Dollars
by J. Russell Prinzinger
Gobrecht Journal Issue #78, July 2000**

In this eight page article, Russell reports on the results of his studies of the die marriages for the 1876 Philadelphia half dollar. He describes and depicts 13 die marriages for the 1876 half dollar that were not included in *The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dollars*. He includes excellent short narratives and close up photography to portray the die characteristics of these additional varieties.

**Gobrecht Dollars Revisited
Part I - The Issue of March 1837
by Michael L. Carboneau & James C. Gray
Gobrecht Journal Issue #79, November 2000**

In this extensive researched article, the authors present their theories on the die alignments of the 1836 Judd-60 Gobrecht Dollars. Die sequencing, die alignments and rotations, and existent population research are all included as well as discussions on the original and restrike theories. This article was part I of a series of articles on this subject with a goal of answering long standing unknowns of this series.

**An Analysis of the 1841 No Drapery Dime
by John McCloskey
Gobrecht Journal Issue #80, March 2001**

Author John McCloskey presents extensive information on one the rarities of the Liberty Seated Dime series, the 1841 No drapery. He describes this coin as being from a special hub, a design that does appear on any other coin in the seated dime series. He presents evidence that it is not a coin with the drapery polished off the with drapery die; dentils and star positions are different than the with drapery design. John closes with a plea for additional information on this coin.

**Die Combinations for 1873-CC Trade Dollars
by Joe Kirchgessner
Gobrecht Journal Issue #81, July 2001**

In this seven page article, the author describes the die marriages for one of the scarcities of the Trade Dollar series, the 1873-CC. Joes describes eight die marriages consisting of 5 different obverse and 6 reverse dies. He uses narratives and close up photographs to report his research of this date to allow club members to identify their coins.



Denticle Patterns for Liberty Seated Dimes
by John McCloskey
Gobrecht Journal Issue #82, November 2001

In this five page article, author John McCloskey presents the results of his study of the dentil counts for the different designs on the Liberty Seated dime series. With photographs and extensive analyses, he depicts the obverse and reverse dentil count variations for the no drapery, closed bud, and with drapery obverses and open bud, legend, and cereal wreath reverse designs. John closes with a statement that this information is useful for counterfeit detection.

Gobrecht Dollars Revisited
Part II - The Issues Dated 1838 and 1839
by Michael L. Carboneau & James C. Gray
Gobrecht Journal, Issue #82, November 2001

In part II of this series of studies on the Gobrecht Dollars, the authors present extensive information on the study of die alignments. Specifically, this nineteen page article includes discussions of their research over an eight year period for the issues dated 1838 and 1839 and culminates with conclusions on the origin, re-strikes, population, observations, and conclusions concerning the 1838 and 1839 Gobrecht Dollars. Photographs including those from the Smithsonian coins depicted many examples of these dates with variances in rotations.

Die Marriages for 1873-CC Half Dollars
by Dick Osburn
Gobrecht Journal Issue #83, March 2002

In this eleven page article, author Dick Osburn describes the die characteristics for the seven obverse and three reverse dies known for the 1873-CC no arrows and with arrows half dollars. He details eight die marriages with narratives, full coin and close up photographs, and comments on die states. Finally, he includes comments on scarcity for die marriages.

Early San Francisco Mintmarks
by John McCloskey
Gobrecht Journal Issue #84, July 2002

In this article, John McCloskey presents information from his study of the size of the San Francisco mintmarks for all denominations from 1854 to 1866. Using tabular results and photographic depictions of some mintmark sizes, the author explains the mintmark sizes for silver and gold denominations during this period. General conclusions for each denomination are also included in the narratives.



**A Detailed Study of the 1842-O Half Dime
by Mark Sheldon
Gobrecht Journal Issue #88, November 2003**

In this eleven page article, Mark Sheldon describes the results of his study of this scarce half dime date. Using data collected from many examples of this date, he uses close up and full coin photography and descriptive narratives to explain the five distinct die states for his date. Mark discovered that the obverse depressions found on many examples of this date are mint made.

**An 1878 Proof Half Dollar with a Type I Reverse
by Frank Zapushek
Gobrecht Journal Issue #88, November 2003**

In this article, the author describes his discovery of this previously unknown die variety, the 1878 half dollar with a type I hub reverse. Using extensive narratives and full coin and close up photography, he depicts the die characteristics for this reverse die. He further describes it as being certified a proof by a leading third party grader.

**An Analysis of Hand Punched Star Positions
on No Drapery Seated Dimes
by Len Augsburg
Gobrecht Journal Issue #93, July 2005**

In this eight page article, the author presents results of his study of the obverse die star positions on 1838 through 1840 no drapery dimes. Len identifies that these stars were hand punched into the dies and therefore, placement variations can be quickly ascertained using his radial grid and angular measurements. Tabular results for thirty-two obverse dies and pictorial samples are provided for the reader.

**Die Marriages of 1861-O Half Dollars
by Randall Wiley,
Gobrecht Journal Issue #94, November 2005**

In this extensively researched and reported twenty-eight page article, Randy Wiley provides information on the fifteen known die marriages for the 1861-O half dollar. He describes die characteristics, provides close up photographs of diagnostics, and details die emission sequencing information tying the dies to the Union, Louisiana, and Confederate minting authorities. Randy concludes with a handy die marriage attribution guide.



**Die Marriages for the 1857-S Half Dollar
by Bill Bugert
Gobrecht Journal Issue #97, November 2006**

In this six page article, the Bill Bugert describes the die characteristics for the four obverse and three reverse dies known for the 1857-S half dollars. He details the four die marriages with narratives, full coin and close up photographs, and comments on die characteristics. Finally, he includes comments on scarcity for die marriages.

**The Reiver 1840-O With Drapery Large O Quarter
by Michael S. Fey
Gobrecht Journal Issue #99, July 2007**

In this five page article, Michael Fey describes the characteristics of this rare and important die variety of the Liberty Seated quarter series. Starting with background information on this variety, he then provides information on the die shipments to the New Orleans Branch Mint and also the dentils on these coins. He provides narrative descriptions and close up and full coin photographs of the diagnostics of the Jules Reiver coin.

**Date Styles for 1856 United States Coinage
by John McCloskey
Gobrecht Journal Issue #100, November 2007**

In this seven page article, John McCloskey details the results of his study of the style of the date for coinage dated 1856. He identified seven date styles that were used on thirteen denominations for coinage date 1856. John provides extensive narratives, tabular data, and full and close up photographs to depict the date styles for half cents through double eagles.

Past Pryor Research Numismatic Award winners

Gobrecht Journal issues #1-50: Two authors tied for this first award -

John Kroon for his article entitled "The Four Reverses of the Carson City Seated Dollars" which appeared in Issue #23.

Bill Bugert for his article entitled "The 1840-O No Mintmark Bust Reverse Half Dollar" which appeared in Issue #38.

Gobrecht Journal issues #51-75: **James Gray** for his article entitled "An Overview of Third Party Grading" which appeared in Issue #63.



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LSCC Pledge

To encourage, promote, and dispense numismatic knowledge of the Liberty Seated coins; to cultivate fraternal relations among its members and all those interested in the science of numismatics.

LSCC Membership Information. Dues are still \$20 per year and include three issues of the *Gobrecht Journal*, an award winning numismatic publication. To join the Liberty Seated Collectors Club, for *Gobrecht Journal* mailing address changes, or for other membership questions, correspond with the LSCC Secretary.

Articles, comments, or advertisements for publication in the *Gobrecht Journal* may be addressed to the LSCC President.

Information, input, comments, or suggestions for improvements to this *E-Gobrecht* are actively solicited from anyone and may be sent to the Editor, *E-Gobrecht*.

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Mark your calendar !

- **Deadline for articles for *Gobrecht Journal* Issue #106 - October 2, 2009**
- **Deadline for advertisements for *Gobrecht Journal* Issue #106 - October 9, 2009**
- **Ballots due for the James B. Pryor award voting - October 30, 2009**
- **Gobrecht Journal Issue #106 postal mailed - November 2009.**

Wanted: Material for this newsletter!

Please consider submitting something for print. It need not be elaborate; it can be something as simple as a short note on your favorite variety, neat find, nice cherry pick, happenings at a coin show, rare Liberty Seated coinage coming up for auction, etc. If you are interested in it, rest assured, others will be too! Sharing information is a goal of this newsletter and you need not be an experienced or famous writer to submit something. This is a continuing plea.

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