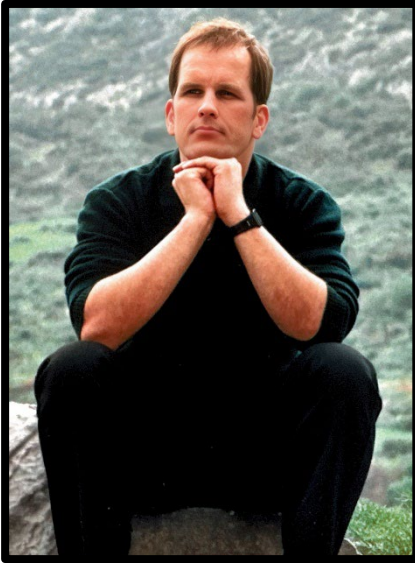


FEATURED COLLECTIONS

The Kenneth A. Bovenkamp Collection of Ottoman Coins



Kenneth A. Bovenkamp (1953-2025) was born in Washington state and raised on a small farm in Lynden, WA where he first started collecting coins as a child. He was a passionate collector of many things, but it was coins and their history that truly captured his interest and attention. Each piece told a story, and for Ken, history lived within the metal itself.

In 1974, Ken joined the United States Air Force, a chapter of life that would prove pivotal to his numismatic journey. During his first tour of duty in Turkey, he found himself surrounded by the deep and layered history of the region, from the ancient civilizations of Anatolia to the grandeur of the Ottoman and Byzantine Empires, to the crossroads of ancient trade. It was there that his love of history and his growing interest in coins converged into a lifelong passion.

Over nearly 50 years, Ken built an impressive collection that reflected both his historical curiosity and scholarly dedication. His vast collection was mentally cataloged, and he could recall the historical, political, and cultural significance of every coin he owned with remarkable detail, even for pieces that he did not have but that he hoped to one day acquire. His collection was more than a hobby, it was a living timeline, a way of connecting with people and civilizations across centuries.

Ken's passion extended far beyond his own collection. In retirement, he became a familiar face at local coin shows where he eagerly shared his knowledge with others. Many remember him as both a mentor and a friend, a collector whose enthusiasm inspired newcomers. He delighted in conversation, whether at a show table or with a stranger at the grocery store checkout line, Ken loved nothing more than sharing the tale of his latest find and the historical importance behind it.

Ken's family now honors his memory by bringing his lifetime collection to auction, hoping that each coin will find its way to a new steward, someone who shares his deep appreciation for their beauty, meaning, and place in history. The coins offered in this sale represent only the initial part of the vast quantity and array of items that will be coming to auction from this collection throughout 2026 and likely into 2027.

The Dr. Dirk Löer Collection of Chinese Coins



In continuation of our offerings of the Dr. Dirk Löer Collection there are numerous rarely encountered types in choice condition. The primary focus of the collection is ancient and vintage cash coins.

The offerings included in this sale as well as pieces from the collection offered in our recent sales have made some of the best ancient Chinese sections we have ever had in our auctions. Just one of many highlights is:

LOT 1291 - XIN: Wang Mang, 7-23 AD, AE gold key money (25.3g), H-9.12, *yi dao ping wu qian* (one knife worth five thousand) with the words *yi dao* written in gold inlay, graded 80 by GBCA Grading Company
Estimated at \$4,000 to \$6,000
