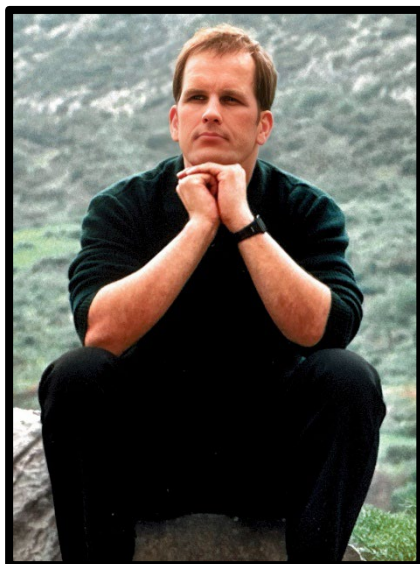


FEATURED COLLECTIONS

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.

Just one of many highlights is:

LOT 1420 - WESTERN HAN: Han Wudi, 141-87 BC, lead 300 zhu (11.5g), Tortoise type of *bai jin san ping*, with the domed shell of the turtle representing the round sky above and its flat bottom symbolizes the flat earth below in ancient Chinese cosmology, and a square stamp on reverse reading shao or shao fu, graded 'Genuine' by GBCA Grading Company

Estimated at \$800 to \$1,000



The Syed Rabbi Collection of World Coins

The Syed Rabbi Collection is a devoted assemblage of world coins with a particular emphasis on South Asian coinage, built over decades by a passionate collector with a deep curiosity about history. His sons, Syed and Amer, are honored to share his collection.

Syed Rabbi began collecting coins in the 1990s and never stopped. Nearly every weekend he could be found at the market or at auctions searching for new pieces, or was calling upon dealers to learn what was available. He was driven by a fascination with the sweep of history — how empires rose and fell, and how coins served as witnesses to those transformations.

For Rabbi, collecting was a family affair. He brought his children along to auctions and visits to coin dealers, sharing his enthusiasm and passing on his curiosity about the world's shared heritage. That spirit of discovery lives on in the family he left behind. We are proud to present his collection and hope that each piece carries forward the sense of wonder he felt in holding these small pieces of history.



The Bob "Swamperbob" Gurney Collection of Cap & Rays 8 Reales

While we have already had a few rounds of offerings from the "Swamperbob" collection, the pieces in this auction represent the pinnacle of the rarities and choicest pieces from the collection. Renowned for its comprehensive and intricately detailed cataloging, the collection is the result of years of meticulous study and referencing. Advanced collectors of cap and rays 8 reales are sure to take notice. Highlighted at left is:

LOT 1123 - MEXICO: Republic, AR 8 reales (26.99g), Guadalupe y Calvo, 1846-GC, KM-377.7, D&P-GC03, assayer MP, VF-XF

Estimated at \$1,250 to \$1,750



The 1914 Collection of World Coins

This focused collection found its first entries in 1977 with the purchase of a pair of India 1914 rupee and ½ rupee proof restrikes. From there it grew into hundreds of pieces, with the focus always being on quality examples. The year 1914 was chosen due to the historical significance of the time (the start of WWI), the diversity of coin designs that emerged, and also the diversity of minting processes in place across different regions of the world. One highlight from the collection is shown at left:

LOT 1514 - CHINA: Republic, AR dollar (yuan), Tientsin, ND (1914), Y-322, Kann-642, L&M-858, WS-0094, Yuan Shih-kai Founding of Republic, "Tall

Hat" Dollar type, with Yuan Shih-kai facing slightly left in military dress uniform and hat with tall plume, fantastic luster with just a bit of peripheral toning, NGC graded MS64

Estimated at \$35,000 to \$45,000