



## HURON VALLEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

90th General Meeting on Wednesday March 9, 2016  
from 7:00 to 9:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM)  
at the Highland Activity Center in Highland, MI

### AGENDA

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| I.    | Call to Order and Introduce Guests                        | Al R.    |
| II.   | Program   | Ernie N. |
|       | “United States Currency” by Glen R.                       |          |
|       | <i>10 minute break to stretch and view auction items.</i> |          |
| III.  | Auction   | Mike B.  |
| IV.   | Recognitions  | Al R.    |
| V.    | Reports and Volunteer Opportunities                       |          |
|       | A. Finance and Membership Updates                         | Reg N.   |
|       | B. HVNS Spring Coin Show March 19, 2016                   | Mike B.  |
|       | C. National Coin Week April 17 - 24                       | Mark J.  |
| VI.   | Attendance Prize Drawings                                 | Jesse S. |
| VII.  | Around the Room   | All      |
| VIII. | Adjourn   | Al R.    |

*The object of the Huron Valley Numismatic Society shall be to encourage and dispense numismatic knowledge to collectors and those interested in becoming collectors and to cultivate fraternity among its members. (HVNS Constitution)*

## HVNS LIBRARIAN'S PICKS

### BOOK

#### The Hobo Nickel Guidebook by Stephen P. Alpert

This book presents an up-to-date guide to hobo nickels and their values. Both classic old hobo nickels and modern creations are presented, with information on how to tell them apart. Over 700 enlarged photographs of hobo nickels are illustrated in the 126 page spiral-wire-bound book. The purpose, methods of creation, and the components of hobo nickels are discussed. The most common type of hobo nickel is the standard design depicting a bearded man wearing a derby. Other subjects include ethnic figures, hatless men, soldiers, women, famous people, and altered buffaloes (changed into a man or a different animal). All these are discussed and illustrated in the book.

The Original Hobo Nickel Society Quality Designation scale for hobo nickels (Crude to Superior) is explained, and examples and general values for each are given, along with the factors affecting a hobo nickel's desirability. An Artist Gallery chapter covers dozens of old, nicknamed, and modern hobo nickel artists with examples of their work. And an Auction Photo Gallery illustrates hundreds of hobo nickels sold in past OHNS auctions, along with the hammer price of each. This is valuable information as the most desirable hobo nickels (both old and modern) sell for \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 apiece. Other chapters cover cast fakes, hobo tokens, and other similarly altered coins, both U.S. and foreign. (This book was purchased by HVNS.)

### DVD

#### “People, Events, Coins, and Sales” by Q. David Bowers

In this 2010 presentation at the 2010 Early American Coppers convention banquet, legendary numismatist Q. David Bowers shares his recollection of many of the great collectors and their collections. His 60 minute talk includes a PowerPoint presentation with great images. (This DVD was provided by the Central States Numismatic Society.)