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TWIN CITIES ANCIENT COIN CLUB

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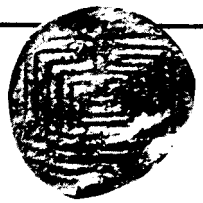
Meeting Date: Thursday, September 28, 7:30 PM
Agenda: (a) election of officers, (b) featured program, (c) auction

Featured Program



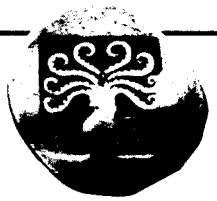
AKROTIRI: LOST CITY OF THE MINOANS

In 1967, archaeologist Spyridon Marinatos discovered a lost Minoan city on the island of Thera (Santorini) in the Aegean Sea. The city, near modern Akrotiri, was buried under volcanic ash by the eruption of the Thera volcano in 1628 BC.

Could this be Plato's legendary lost city of Atlantis? Did the eruption of the Thera volcano bring about the destruction of Minoan civilization? Did the Minoans take part in human sacrifice in an attempt to appease the gods and avoid destruction? These are some of the fascinating issues to be addressed by Bill Daehn at our September meeting.

Bill will discuss the history and destruction of Akrotiri accompanied by many slides taken at the buried city during his trip to Greece during this past summer. A lively discussion is sure to follow this fascinating and controversial presentation! Don't miss it.

Club News



Important Literature Donated to the Club

Whitney Lindwall, a long-time member of the club now living in El Paso, has made another donation of numismatic literature to the club. Previously, Whitney donated a group of *The Turtle, North American Journal of Numismatics*. He has now donated another group of this scarce publication to help fill out the series.

The Turtle, North American Journal of Numismatics was published between 1962 and 1970(?). It began in Minneapolis, and eventually was published by Argonaut Publishers in Chicago. It was the publication of the now-defunct Ancient Coin Club of America. This little publication, usually published monthly, was the only periodical of its kind devoted to ancient coinage—*The Celator* of its time! It contains many interesting and important articles on Greek, Roman, and Medieval coinage.

This publication is now very scarce. Complete sets are very difficult to assemble. Due to Whitney's generosity, the Twin Cities Ancient Coin Club has a good start.

Whitney also donated some other items which will be auctioned at the club meeting, or added to the club's library, depending on the wishes of the members. These include several issues of *SAN*, and *ANS Museum Notes*. In addition, several editions of the *Guidebook of United States Coins* will be auctioned for the benefit of the club.

Thanks Whitney.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It's that time again—time to elect our officers for the 1995-96 club year. Please be ready to nominate someone (including yourself!) to serve our club. Offices are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Duties include: President—arrange for featured speakers and other programs (all club members are responsible for helping the President to arrange our monthly programs) and lead us through our meetings; Vice President—help out the President, fill-in in his/her absence; Treasurer—collect dues and pass "The Cup," pay room rent, keep track of paid members; Secretary—write and distribute the monthly newsletter, stay in communication with the President regarding monthly programs and club news.

Won't you serve our club this year?

About Our Club

The Twin Cities Ancient Coin Club is devoted to the study of ancient and medieval coinage and culture. Our monthly programs focus on coins, history, archaeology, and ancient art.

The club meets once a month at Immanual Lutheran Church, 104 South Snelling (corner of Snelling and Goodrich) in St. Paul. We're usually in the basement meeting room. Look for a sign inside the door. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

The 1995-96 meeting schedule is:

September 28
October 26
November 16
December (holiday dinner date to be announced)
January 25
February 22
March 28
April 25
May 23
June 27
July (picnic date to be announced)

An auction is held at each meeting. Members are encouraged to bring coins and books to sell. There is no fee charged—all proceeds go to the owner of the item. Items may also be auctioned with proceeds donated to the club treasury if you wish.

Annual dues are $5.00, payable each January. This covers the cost of the newsletter. In addition, members are asked to donate $1.00 to "The Cup" at each meeting to cover the cost of renting the room.

Please join us. Visitors are always welcome. Bring a friend. And bring some coins to "show and tell."

Do you have items that should appear in the next newsletter? If so, call club secretary Bill Daehn at 425-3988.