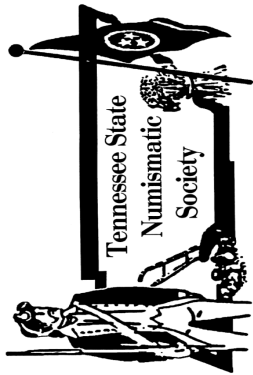


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## Message From The President

I am sure most of you are glad this long hot summer is over! It is time to think about the upcoming Tennessee State Numismatic Society show in East Ridge Tennessee. We are up against Baltimore once again, however many dealers have opted to stay with TSNS. Those dealers and the TSNS board members would greatly appreciate your support. Our dealers travel from many states just to be there for you, the collectors. Gayle Pike worked very hard to keep TSNS from conflicting with other shows, but there are only so many weekends to work with. Next year the shows will not conflict.

TSNS had to say so long to one of our board members - Tina Padilla. Tina took a job that requires her to work weekends, so she felt obligated to resign. With her loss, we picked up Mr. Ben Gaddy. Ben is a super hard worker for TSNS and the Chattanooga Coin Club. When you see Ben, please stop and welcome him aboard and thank him for his work at TSNS.

The entrance to camp Jordan is now open, so you will not have to travel around to the rear entrance to get in. I have also been told the Christmas lighting will not be an issue this year. The staff at Camp Jordan and TSNS along with the two local clubs, the Chattanooga Coin Club and Chief John Ross Coin Club are eager to see all of you at the show.

If anyone has questions, complaints or compliments please contact me at: [forvm@comcast.net](mailto:forvm@comcast.net). If I can answer your question or field your complaints, I will do so. If not, I will get an answer from the board or other members and get back to you as quickly as possible.

I hope to see you at TSNS in November

Regards,  
 Bob Hurst



### From the Editor's Desk

Well the summer is almost over with but the heat for some reason is still not giving up with some cooler days. I know that soon it will and hope that everyone has a mild type of winter. Now we are heading into the holidays and before you know it a new year will be upon us.

Now if you have the time to review your collections and see what you are missing, the new year of shows will start soon. At these shows you never know what you might locate in a dealer's show case.

As you can see on the next page there are shows in Knoxville and Atlanta that you might be able to attend. If you have a local show by all means go out and visit with the nice people that puts on these shows. If you know of any local shows that we might include in our show calendar please send the information to me and I will include them in our calendar.

Of course I am always looking for ARTICLES to be used in the Newsletter so if you have any that you would like to share just let me know.

If you have any suggestions or recommendation for the Newsletter just let me know either call (321-258-0325) or email [rblackman@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rblackman@cfl.rr.com).

If you can attend any local coin shows in your area please do. They will be worth while and by getting to know the dealers that would be a great benefit.

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Take care. Ron Blackman

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## ICTA Tennessee Campaign David Crenshaw

We're sure you've heard the expression, "I've got some good news and some bad news."

First, the bad news. In short, Tennessee's sales-tax exemption legislation was not enacted. Leading up to April hearings by the Senate and House Finance, Ways and Means Committees, two days were spent in Nashville at the legislature lobbying both the committees' chairs and key members. At the eleventh hour, we secured a revised fiscal note that would have successfully brought the House bill out from behind the budget, then to the House floor for a vote. But the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee refused to hear the bill further, which caused the bill's Senate version to also be pulled from its committee hearing.

The good news is that the bill's sponsor, Rep. Hulsey, has reported to us that substantial legislative support has been gained for a new effort in 2017, including the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee chairman's assurance to help Rep. Hulsey get it passed. Sen. Niceley is also confident that we will be successful passing the bill next year.

Further good news is that HJR 516 (expressing support for the storage of gold and precious-metal bullion and coins in a Tennessee bullion depository) was enacted. Although the "cart is now before the horse," this resolution, which will be a bill next year, will add support to our argument for an exemption. After all, without an exception, there is no incentive for Tennesseans to use a state depository.

Last, but not least, the ICTA Tennessee campaign has cost \$4,468 to date. ICTA has received \$2,155 in monies designated for the campaign. Thank you to all who have contributed. Any additional contributions to help cover the remaining amount (\$2,313) are greatly appreciated.

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## Collecting Type Coins ... Hooked on Type!

by Bill Groom

Very few collectors can afford to fill all the holes in those date set albums nowadays. Usually, a collector will focus on building a few sets of his favorite series. Yet, there are almost always those costly key dates, needed to fill those pesky holes. Then too, what about those varieties that exist within every coin series? There are coin albums that include varieties like the 1942/1 dimes, the over dates, the three-legged nickels, etc., and there are albums that exclude these varieties, too. It can get confusing, trying to decide just what to collect.

Over a period of decades, I've built many a "series" set. I'd typically try to match the coins by condition which would make the process more challenging. Eventually, I tired of that; filling albums of coins that, apart from the date and mintmark, looked all alike!

When I saw the Capital Plastic boards for 20th Century Type coins, and later the Dansco 7070 U.S. Type album, I got "Hooked on Type!" It then became my favorite way to collect. This Dansco album covers basic type coins from 1800 on. There are add-on pages for updating the modern types.

Type collectors can avoid buying those costly key dates while instead opting for a choice grade of a single, common date. Yet, there's still the option of using a key date as an example of any single type coin.

From an affordability standpoint, there are only a few of the 7070 type coins that will cost in the \$200 range or so; those being Seated Dollar types, with and without motto. A very presentable set can be assembled in VG and better condition for under \$2,000 at today's prices. Naturally, the earlier type coins would tend to consist of lower grade examples. My preference was to aim for VG-10, full rim, problem-free examples of the early bust coins. I tended to like using proof examples for the later types, like the Ike and Anthony Dollars.

All-in-all, the Dansco 7070 album type sets have been fun to piece together. As time passed and expenses allowed, I enjoyed upgrading individual pieces. My non-collector friends enjoyed seeing the set of early type coins, too. It's not as flashy a set as those 20th century Capital Plastic sets with the higher grade coins, but it surely gets one thinking about the connection between coins and history, what with all the different designs and denominations. I'd encourage any collector, when next at a local coin shop, to take a close look at the 7070 album.

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or fruit to taste. We all like them out here.

HUGO F. BILZ, Omaha, Neb.

It sounds as if this "sensible summer drink" could readily render one senseless; especially so, a tea-totter like this writer. This fanciful recipe suggests that Hugo really enjoyed his work and was a jovial host

Okay. If you've gotten this far, you now likely know far more about this particular token than do most exnumists - token collectors, remember? When you come to this month's club meeting, be prepared for a pop-quiz! Seriously now, getting back to the subject, how does this token stack up against the 1909-S VDB and/or the 1877 Indian cent when it comes to history? For this writer's money, there's no comparison. For many collectors, the market value is the all-important measure of a rare coin or token. Try and find another Bilz token ... no easy task, that! What did mine cost?

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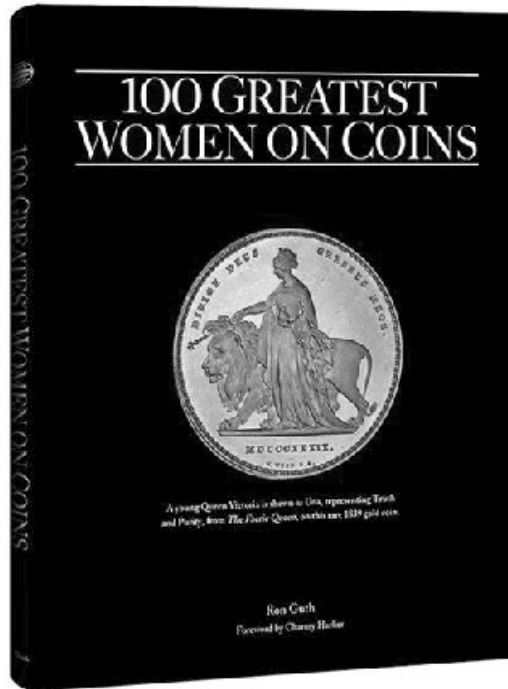
## 100 Greatest Women On Coins

Author Ron Guth, Foreword by Charmy Harker, 2015, Whitman Publishing, LLC, Atlanta, GA, 2014, Reviewed by John and Nancy Wilson, NLG

This hardcover “Coffee-table size” reference has 128 pages and features 100 of the greatest women. Author Ron Guth did a masterful job of researching all of the women which have appeared on coins. Ron even took an online course at the American Public University on “The History of American Women” to help his search. Each woman has a page with a full color picture of her along with an enlarged picture of the coin she is portrayed on. The Foreword by Women in Numismatics President Charmy Harker, also known as “The Penny Lady,” says,

“It is quite evident that Ron Guth has done an extensive amount of meticulous research into the history of women who have appeared on coins, and he describes these great women in such a way that makes it easy to understand what made them so special as to be honored with their image carved into a coin.” The reference “is a fascinating look into the important role women have played throughout numismatic history and throughout history in general.”

The author was inspired to do this reference because of a lady named Alice Paul who is Number 79 in the book. She burst onto the scene in 2012 when she appeared on the First Spouse gold coin issued in conjunction with President Chester Arthur’s Presidential Dollar. He was a widower during his Presidency. Ms Paul was three years old when President Arthur passed away, and the book explains nicely how this feminist came to have her portrait on this coin. Besides Ms Paul, the author says, “This book is a celebration of the hundreds of women who have appeared on coins from ancient times to present.” **continued on page 10**



## Rare Doesn't Necessarily Mean Expensive (Continued)

This so-called “good for” token reveals that it was worth “2 ½ CTS.” in trade. It likely cost Hugo less than a cent to have made in quantity. Perhaps, a short beer could be had for 2 ½ cents. If a patron handed Hugo a nickel, the thirsty customer would receive his brew along with this fancy token that was much larger than his nickel - actually, slightly larger than a quarter. What a bargain! Every time a customer would keep or perhaps forget to redeem a token, Hugo would be another penny or more richer.

Turning to my reference library, I found that this token is listed in Rulau’s *Standard Catalog of United States Tokens, 1700-1900, 4th ed.* Rulau numbers it **Oma 2** and valued it at \$25 in 2004. The catalog notes as follows: “Bilz was in business at 119 So. 14th St. only in the year 1911, according to research by Peter M. Fuhrman. Bilz was in business from 1890-1918 in Omaha, moving to Los Angeles, Calif. In 1920.” Thus, it appears to this writer that the prohibition movement ended Hugo’s illustrious career as a bar owner.

An online Google search reveals that Hugo advertised his “liquors and cigars” business, located at 1324 Douglas St., in *The Railroad Trainman*, a union publication of 1904. Hugo must have catered to a substantial railroad clientele. Now, if the 1324 address happened to be situated on the corner of 14th St., this token may date earlier than 1911, as cited by Rulau. Indeed, the token’s fancy design is more akin to the fabric of many of the gay 1890’s issues. Most early 1900’s cigar and drink tokens seen by this writer have been smaller, mostly dime-sized, made of aluminum as opposed to brass and of plain, lettered design. Hugo must have been quite a character and entrepreneur. What follows is his recipe for a sensible, summer drink as cited in *The Mixer and Server, Volume 12*, dated January 15, 2003. This publication, produced for hotel, restaurant and bar owners, was connected to the American Federation of Labor. Per Hugo:

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## Rare Doesn't Necessarily Mean Expensive

by Bill Groom

Recently at the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Convention in Dalton, Georgia, I saw dozens of those highly coveted 1909-S VDB's and 1877 Indian cents. Why are these coins so desirable? There are literally many thousands of these "rare" dates in the marketplace. Just one of over a hundred dealers at the show had a dozen 1877's in his showcase. These key coins are "needed" to fill those gaping holes in almost complete coin albums. And, most every collector knows that nagging feeling ... like eating meatless spaghetti, it is.

Long ago tiring of filling those album holes, this writer became more intrigued with collecting tokens, otherwise known as exonomia. Below is pictured one of the tokens that I managed to acquire at the Dalton show. I'd never before seen this one. Initially, I was drawn to the detailed design elements, but then my intellectual curiosity took over. I wanted to learn more about the token and the man behind it.



There are many unusual aspects to this token. My eyes were initially drawn to the animals, being two lions rampant (on hind legs), flanking an eagle atop a BAR sign on a shield. A busy design, this! What an unusual name this bar owner had ... Hugo F. Bilz! In my wildest imagination, I could never visualize a baby being so baptized! Notice the town, Omaha, given within a banner above the prominent street address, corner of 14th & Douglas. Then too, it's made of brass.

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### 100 Greatest Women On Coins (Continued)

"The Methodology of selecting the 100 Greatest Women," is the nuts and bolts of the project along with the research and resources used to select the top 100 women. He used [www.wildwinds.com](http://www.wildwinds.com) and the Krause publication Standard Catalog of World Coins along with other sources to come up with the 600 women who appeared on coins. This list is found in the back of the book. The task of picking the top 100 was accomplished through members of Women in Numismatics (140 members with 19 assisting Ron – which included two male members). The author used four distinct categories to select the women: 1. Real Women. 2. Goddesses. 3. Allegorical Women. 4. Women in Art. **Continued on page 11**

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### 100 Greatest Women On Coins (Continued)

It is amazing that the majority of the top 100 coins are available at little cost. This is a much needed reference covering a subject that just might get your significant other collecting "Women on Coins." Through hard work, dedication, difficult research, and assistance by Women In Numismatics and others, Ron Guth has hit a Grand Slam with 100 Greatest Women On Coins. We recommend this reference to dealers, collectors as well as non-collectors. This reference is available for \$29.95 from the publisher: Whitman Publishing LLC, 3101 Clairmont Rd., Suite G., Atlanta, GA. 30329, Phone Number (800) 546-2995 or [www.whitmanbooks.com](http://www.whitmanbooks.com).


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### *100 Greatest Women On Coins (Continued)*

clearance for Mother Teresa – who will soon be called “The Saint of the Gutters,” to receive this high tribute. The fourth woman is Queen Cleopatra (or Cleopatra VII Philopator). She was considered the most beautiful woman in the ancient world. This Queen of Egypt turned the heads of anyone who crossed her path. One Emperor gave up his kingdom for her. Cleopatra was married to Julius Caesar, Marc Anthony, members of her own family and others. She had a great fondness for poisons using these drugs to kill her brother, husband and others. She committed suicide by allowing an Egyptian cobra to bite her. The author says collecting coins of Cleopatra VII is easy and coins from ancient times portraying her can be purchased for \$200 to \$800. He cautions you to beware of counterfeits. You will find the name Cleopatra several other times in the top 100.

Princess Diana is number 6, and her coins are easy to collect. We think everyone in the world admired this famous lady, who unfortunately died in a car accident along with her boyfriend Dodi Fayed in 1997. Along with coins, you will find her image on postage stamps. Florence Nightingale (1820 – 1910) was the founder of the modern nursing profession. Her coins are easy to obtain. Another interesting selection was Queen Marie Antoinette at Number 40. She reigned, along with her husband King Louis XVI, from 1774 until their executions in 1793. Number 42 is Medusa who in the Greek version began life as a monstrous Gorgon. The Roman version had her as a beautiful woman.

Number 65 has Golda Meir (1898 – 1978) who served as Israel’s first female prime minister from 1969 - 1974. She was a great leader who achieved many things for her country. She is an easy coin to collect, and the author says, “a nice mini-collection can be made of the numerous Golda Meir coins and medals.” Number 93 is Marilyn Monroe (1926 – 1962). This movie star was a sex symbol who appeared in the first issue of Playboy magazine in 1953, and an “American icon and a tragic, misunderstood figure. She first married at 16 and in four years was divorced. Her second marriage was to baseball legend Joe Dimaggio. This marriage lasted four months. In 1956 she married Playwright Arthur Miller and divorced him in 1961. She overdosed from barbiturates in 1962.

The acknowledgments, contributors, author’s biography and other books written by Mr. Guth are listed. The Appendix contains three pages of other coins portraying females from the four categories mentioned at the beginning of this review. An application for Women In Numismatics (WIN) will also be found here, along with their web page:

[www.womeninnumismatics.com](http://www.womeninnumismatics.com) **continued page 15**

### *100 Greatest Women On Coins (Continued)*

“How Do Women Get on Coins?” From the time of Lydia, the author explains how through time women came to appear on coins. The book is laid out with the first ten women having two pages for each and larger narratives than the last 90 women which have only one page each. With some of the top 100 having a huge database of information some had very little, thus narratives could be longer or shorter than allotted space. The author’s research found some interesting information, on many of the women. When Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier, he asked for and received a two million dollar dowry and Princess Diana had an eating disorder. These are just two of the many fascinating things that you will find out about the 100 greatest women on coins. “Collecting Difficulty,” gives you the information needed if you want to collect an example of each of the coins. The author set three levels of difficulty with: 1. Easy. 2. Moderately Difficult. 3. Difficult. The coins in the top 100 are composed of gold, silver and common pocket change examples with different metal compositions and unusual commemoratives. Some are super rare, but most are easy to obtain at little cost, and some can even be found in circulation.


“Collecting Women on Coins,” Ron Guth suggests: 1. Collect all the coins of one woman. 2. Collect a theme. 3. Collect a category. 4. Collect all of them (one from each). 5. You probably could come up with many other ways to collect women on coins. “How to Obtain Women on Coins,” gives the reader some ideas on where they can be obtained such as auctions, Ebay, coin shops, numismatic publications, mail order, mints in the world, and coin shows. We would also add coin club meetings. “Pricing,” finishes out the important Introduction. The author explains his thoughts on how he derived on the collecting difficulty for each of the top hundred listed in the reference. The authors email and address are listed for anyone who wants to add anything to the reference or make corrections.

The first woman is Mary, Mother of Jesus. We can easily see why Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was voted number one; it is an easy coin to obtain with many different coins available. Second is Helen Keller who overcame blindness and deafness to become the most inspirational person in American history. She is portrayed on the Alabama 2003 quarter. The third woman is Mother Teresa (1910 – 1997) who appears on the French 2010 10 Euro coin. She dedicated most of her life in service to the poor in Calcutta, India. In 1979 she received the Nobel Peace Prize, and the \$190,000 prize money went to the poor. Pope Francis has given final **continued on page 14**




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