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Some coins and medals become famous over the course of time simply because they are stone-cold gorgeous. The St.-George-slaying-the-dragon image on the British sovereign qualifies as one. The St. Gaudens obverse of the United States \$20 gold pieces qualifies as another. We will be bold enough to say that a third might be a recent creation of the Polish Mint, the Shield of Achilles.

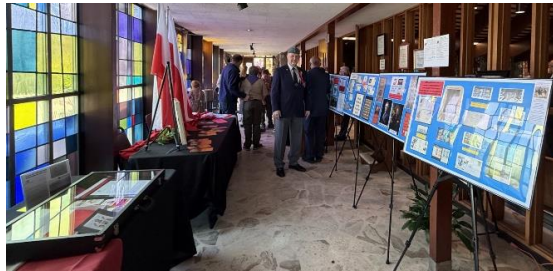
of the Shield of Achilles. It's face value is 3,000 CFA francs, and it is a whopping 90mm across. That size is over 3", comparable to many art medals.

For those of us who fell asleep once or twice in history class, or did so while trying to read the entire length of Homer's *Illiad*, in Book 18 of the saga he takes amazing pains to describe the shield of Achilles as a type of narrative picture of the whole of humanity, including the serenity of peace and the viciousness of war. The shield was said to be forged by the god Hephaestus himself, a hard-working guy who knew his way around a hammer and a forge. The god of fire and metalworking imbued the shield with divine protection for Achilles, and it was said to be indestructible.

If there is a down side to the modern version of this arresting vision and detailed work of art, it is that only 500 are scheduled to be minted, and the cost is 3,499 Zł, or about \$975 (which would prove that my bank account, for example, is indeed more destructible than the shield). But whether we land one ourselves, or not, what an image!

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Celebration of the 235th Anniversary of the Polish Constitution

By Dariusz Klepko

I'm thrilled to share the link to the article I sent, along with some photos from my exhibit last Sunday in Orchard Lake for the Celebration of Polish Constitution 3 May, 235th anniversary.
<https://polishweekly.com/235th-anniversary-of-constitution-day-and-22nd-anniversary-of-polish-flag-day/>



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CoinCirca: A Modern Guide to Valuable Pocket Change

By Mike Rosik

Coin collecting has always had a certain magic to it for me. Over the years, I have actually found Mercury dimes and other older coins in my regular return change, which always made me think about how many people unknowingly spend coins worth more than face value.

That idea inspired me to create CoinCirca.com, a free online resource designed to help everyday people quickly check their pocket change to see if it may be valuable or collectible. The site focuses on U.S. coins that can still occasionally be

found in circulation today, including wheat cents, silver coins, key dates, mint marks, and error varieties.

I wanted the site to feel approachable and easy to use, especially for beginners who may not know what details to look for. The website is designed to work well on both computers and mobile devices, making it easy for someone to quickly check a coin whether they are at home or out and about.

One of the most exciting parts of numismatics is that treasure hunting aspect. Even today, valuable coins still occasionally appear in circulation, waiting to be discovered.

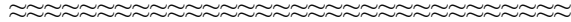
My hope is that CoinCirca can help introduce more people to coin collecting while also giving collectors a fun and simple reference tool to share with others. You can explore the project at: CoinCirca.com



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PANS to be at the ANA, 2026 World's Fair of Money

It looks as if our PANS will have a table at the WFM – the World's Fair of Money – to be held by the ANA in Pittsburgh, from 26-29 August this year. If you would like to help staff it, please get in contact with Mr. Rosik. We can always use a bit of help at this huge coin show.



*Happy summer,
everyone!*

► Spot prices as of 3 June, 2026
Gold: \$ 4,478.10/troy ounce
Silver: \$ 74.06/troy ounce
Copper: \$ 6.50/pound
Platinum: \$ 1,892.40/troy ounce
Palladium: \$ 1,341.30/troy ounce
\$US-Złoty exchange: 3.65

Have you been able to join us on the web? Try: www.pans-club.org. Or, on Facebook? If not, please go to Facebook, find PANS, and see what events are coming up for our society.

Once again, come to the meetings and win

Your PANS meets once a month, except for July and August, and is generous in raffling off one Polish coin per meeting. Why not attend a meeting, and see if you can add something to your growing collection

Send in your finds.

Have you found any Polish coins of note, perhaps squirreled away in some dealer's stock of foreign coins, or at an estate sale, or elsewhere? If you have found a hidden treasure, or one hiding in plain sight, e-mail Mark a photo and a brief write-up of how you came upon it. The PANS members will most likely be interested in hearing about it.

Remember folks, please pay your dues for the year 2026! That's \$20 for the year – \$30 if you'd like the PANS Eaglet mailed quarterly. We're getting close to the half-way mark for the year.

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Join Our Club

We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 PM at the American Polish Cultural Center located at 2975 East Maple Road (15 Mile Road) at Dequindre Road in Troy, Michigan. Visit the PANS Club website at www.pans-club.org for details. We currently have 10 meetings per year (August through May) with 2 months off during the summer. The Polish American Numismatic Society also plans a Christmas Oplatek Dinner during the Holiday Season. Meeting agendas include business matters and informative lectures from renowned guest speakers on topics including error and variety coins, significant coins in Polish history, Hamtramck scrip, coin photography. Open and lively member discussions about US and Polish numismatics are encouraged. Of course, the meeting would not be complete without coffee and delicious Polish pastries. The Polish American Numismatic Society hosts two very successful public coin show at the American Polish Cultural Center. Our primary show always takes place on the third Sunday of February. PANS also hosts a second show in August. Shows have been co-hosted with other clubs in the region. If you have any interest in numismatics, please attend a meeting and sign up as a member. PANS dues are only \$20.00 per year or \$30 per year if you would like the PANS Eaglet newsletter sent to your mail on a quarterly basis. PANS Club Membership is a great way to meet collectors with similar interests and knowledgeable dealers willing to share their experiences in a hobby that we all enjoy. To become a member-in-good-standing, plan to attend a minimum of 5 meetings per year and perform club-related duties at PANS Club sponsored Coin Shows.

Membership Application *I hereby make application for membership in the Polish American Numismatic Society, subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the Constitution and By-laws.*

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