

Lifelong Experience of Coin Collecting Unites Generations

Coin collecting has been around since the existence of the very first coin. Coins can be educational and have a way of bringing family members together with a shared passion for these beguiling and historical works of art that can fit in a pocket or case.

Every coin tells a story

A coin collector since childhood, one of our coin club members, here in Colorado Springs, enjoyed searching through the pocket change of family members for coins to place in his penny, nickel and dime blue books. He supported his coin collecting habit by finding and returning pop bottles, cutting grass in the summer and shoveling snow in the winter time. To round out his growing collections, he began attending the local coin club meetings and going to local coin shows.

“My children enjoyed coins, but enjoyed spending them more”, he chuckles. “We did many activities together, but coin collecting was not one of them.”

Love of coins skips a generation

At the age of 8 or 9, his granddaughter started showing an interest in British coins. She especially liked the ones with a young Queen Elizabeth II, with animals depicted on the reverse which was typical of many pieces made for British colonies and commonwealth nations. She accompanied him to coin shops and coin shows, acquiring more and more coins and tokens with animals, reptiles, birds and fish on the reverse side. Most coins cost him no more than five, ten or twenty-five cents.

Soon she was attending monthly coin meetings with her grandfather at the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society. There, she learned the care and grading of coins, U. S. and world geography, world history and the camaraderie of sharing the hobby with other very knowledgeable collectors. Before long, she was collecting Lincoln Cents and started a twentieth century type collection comprised of all the U.S. coins made since 1990.

“We both feel that collecting together was a treasured experience in our relationship as granddaughter and grandfather,” states our club member. “Also, the knowledge and information acquired through her experience helped her as she went through high school and now during her college years,” he concludes.

The [Colorado Springs Numismatic Society](#) and the [Colorado Springs Coin Club](#) offer an enjoyable family experience

Avid numismatists, casual coin collectors, or families looking for enjoyable and affordable entertainment can discover the world of coins, their history and find out what makes one of the world’s oldest hobbies a lifetime adventure. Attend one of our meetings to begin your journey!