



A rare 1943 Lincoln cent found in a teen's high school cafeteria pocket change sold for \$204,000 Thursday evening, Jan. 10, at a public auction of U.S. coins held in Orlando, Florida, by Heritage Auctions, the world's largest coin auctioneer. More than 30 bids quickly pushed the coin past its pre-auction estimate of \$170,000. The rarity was mistakenly minted in bronze, instead of zinc-coated steel, which was needed to save copper and bronze to fill metal shortages during World War II. At the time, the United States Mint steadfastly denied such coins existed, until the truth came out in 1947 after teenager Don Lutes found the first bronze Lincoln cent in pocket change from his high school cafeteria in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Only 10 to 15 examples of a 1943 bronze Lincoln cents are known to exist. (source: Heritage Auctions, <https://coins.ha.com/heritage-auctions-press-releases-and-news/rare-1943-lincoln-cent-sells-for-204-000-at-heritage-auctions.s?releaseId=3566>)



The 1784 Heston Pair: The left as seen in the Rowan University library, Glassboro, NJ.; the right in personal collection of Rick Grenda (source and photo credit: Rick Grenda via Facebook)



(Left) A yard sale find in New England turned out to be a rare c. 1909 Marblehead Pottery vase, sold at a Skinner auction in Boston for a record \$303,000. The landscape vase is in the style of Arthur Wesley Dow depicting haystacks in a marsh, designed by Annie E. Aldrich and decorated by Sarah Tutt; made by John Swallow. It is one of four known examples, the others are in the collections of a private collection, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Two Red Roses Foundation. The 19 year old who purchased the piece bought the vase and a snowmobile helmet for \$60 at a yard sale last summer. (source: Kovels, <https://www.kovels.com/news-news-news/rare-marblehead-pottery-vase-found-and-sold.html>)





Recent digging find! A 1864 IHP multiple strike error coin (credit: D.J. Yost, Facebook)

A restored copy of the famed T206 Honus Wagner sold for a record price of \$420,000 in the recent Holy Grail Rarities auction hosted by Memory Lane. Graded 'Authentic' by PSA, the card's history can be traced back some 50 years. It last sold in a public auction in 2011 for \$188,000. The price attained by Memory Lane makes this copy the most expensive Authentic example ever sold. Sixty-nine bids were made on the card. (source: Sports Collectors Digest, <https://www.sportscollectorsdigest.com>)



The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum in Alexandria, Virginia. Opened in 1792 by young Quaker pharmacist Edward Stabler, the family business operated until 1933. Patrons included George & Martha Washington. Over 15,000 objects still remain as part of the museum's collection - everything from herbs to bottles. Visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Apothecary> for more information



(Left) The Polar Pride boulder—called “the find of the millennium” by trade experts—was discovered in Canada. The 18-ton boulder was split in half for carving. Courtesy of Jade West Group. (source: GeologyIn, <http://www.geologyin.com/2016/12>)



Dominion Diamond Mines ULC, a world leading producer of responsibly mined diamonds, announces the recovery of the largest known gem quality diamond ever found in North America. The 552 carat yellow Canadamark™ diamond was unearthed in October at the Diavik Diamond Mine, approximately 135 miles south of the Arctic Circle in Canada's Northwest Territories. (source: Dominion Diamond Mines, www.ddmines.com/dominion-diamond-mines-announces-the-recovery-of-the-largest-diamond-ever-found-in-north-america-at-diavik)