

Citing examples of how to identify rare Morgan & Peace dollar varieties from each of their respective books on the subject, it soon became evident that hidden wealth in dealer and collectors' inventories can best be uncovered by acquiring the knowledge of what varieties are both rare and desirable, and then having the simple desire to find them. This knowledge can easily be obtained by reading what the experts have to share in their books, on their web sites and in their presentations.

Since the *Top 100* Morgan dollar book was published 7 years ago, prices for the better *Top 100* varieties have gone ballistic, recently propelled even higher by a red hot coin market in 2004. Increases in hundreds and thousands of percent of market value for some silver dollar varieties over the past 7 years may be difficult for outsiders to understand, but it is something every knowledgeable advanced silver dollar collector has followed and fully understands. Further information on *Top 100* pricing can be found in RCI's quarterly newsletter, *Top 100 Insights & Value Guide* at <http://www.rcicoins.com>

A plethora of books on *Top 100* Morgan, *Hot 50* Morgan, *Top 50* Peace, 1878 8TF's, 1878 7/8 TF's, 1879 s Reverse of 1878 varieties, and *Fun with 1921 D* mintmark silver dollars have been published since the silver dollar variety collecting revolution began in 1997. Forthcoming books include one on clashed silver dollars, on 1878 7TF and 1878-S varieties, and more books on *Fun with 1921*, both Philadelphia and San Francisco mint mark issues to follow.

The new Society of Silver Dollar Collectors (SSDC) now offers a free weekly E-mail, the *VAM-E*, to keep SSDC members informed of new discoveries and key

information. To subscribe, simply send an E-mail to ssdc@varslab.com with the word "Subscribe" in the title. The SSDC is in the process of installing the *VAM Hall of Fame*, a new *Master Listing of all New Varieties Discovered since 1992* with images at <http://www.ashmore.com>, and a *Top 50 Peace* dollar value guide.

VAM is an acronym for Leroy Van Allen and A. George Mallis who were first to catalog varieties of obverse and reverse dies called die pairs by VAM number

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