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Lane Brunner has been collecting coins for well over 40 years. He has taught university level courses on Numismatics and helped develop a course for teachers to use coins as learning tools in the classroom. Lane was appointed Deputy Executive Director of the American Numismatic Association and led the education, museum, library, and research services departments developing numerous courses. Along with fellow numismatist John Frost, Lane has written the reference book, *Double Dimes: The United States Twenty-cent Piece*.



"Gold, Silver, Numismatics and the Wizard of Oz"

Summary: Frank Baum's classic story, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, has delighted children and adults for generations. Few have explored the story beyond the Dorothy's adventure to return to her home in Kansas. This presentation will take another view of this tale and examine the story as an allegory of late 19th century economics and politics and it's numismatic connection to the election of 1896. Learn why the lion was cowardly, what caused the Tin Man to rust, and why Dorothy's shoes were not really made of rubies.