

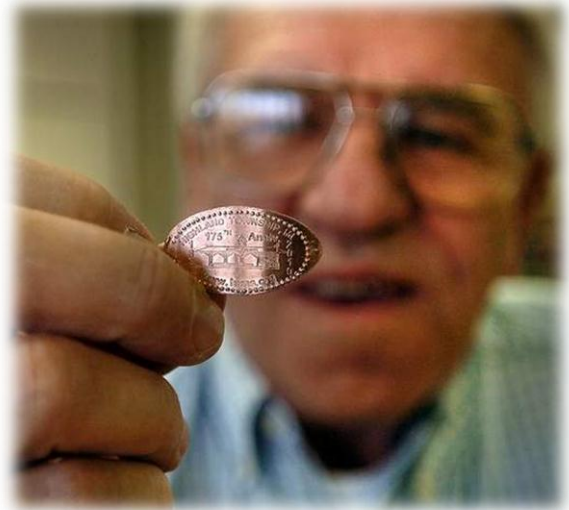
A local club has coined a symbol of Highland Township's history — literally.

The Huron Valley Numismatic Society, a coin and metal collecting club that meets monthly, has stamped a coin for Highland to commemorate its 175th anniversary.

The idea was raised at a club meeting earlier this year after members heard that 2010 marked the township's terquasquicentennial — or 175th anniversary. Members decided to take up the project, considering four different proposals before selecting the final [design](#) which features the Highland Station.

Once the die was made, only 1,000 of the coins were created — stamped on an elongated penny.

“It's a memento to have for Highland. None of the other groups in the area did something as a memento for the anniversary,” said Guenter Loepertz, HVNS board of directors member.



Loepertz, explained that elongated pennies are commonly used to create commemorative coins or as a marketing tool. Machines to press images on coins are often found at theme parks and fairs, for example. But there are no other coins distinctly for Highland, he said.

“The only other one I know of that's similar to this was created for Oakland County's 150th anniversary in the 1970s,” he said.

Some of the limited-edition Highland coins are now part of the HVNS members' collections, but there are still some available to the public. They can be purchased for \$1 each, to cover the cost of producing them, Loepertz said.

“Especially people who have lived in the Highland area for a long time might want to have one,” he said.

To check out the coins, visit the HVNS coin show on Nov. 20 at the Highland Adult Activity Center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors can also learn about the club and get answers to coin-related questions. Admission is free.

The HVNS is always looking for new members, and Loepertz said there's a growing number of young people interested in coin collecting. All ages are welcome.

The club meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Highland Adult Activity Center at 7 p.m. For more information, go to www.hvns.org.