

Crowns and tiaras reign supreme at button show

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PALMER – The Massachusetts State Button Society held their annual meeting and final show for the year this past Saturday at the AMVETS Post 74 in Three Rivers.

Celebrating over 80 years, the Massachusetts State Button Society hosts three shows a year, with two in Three Rivers and one in Shirley.

The Crescent Button Club hosted a presentation about the show's theme of crowns, given by button expert and dealer Betty Korostynski of West Springfield, a member of the Massachusetts State Button Society and the Crescent Button Club in Holyoke.

Korostynski displayed several boards adorned with buttons bearing crowns from countries all over the world.

"We see different images when we hear the world 'crown,'" she said. "We [in the U.S.] don't have a high opinion of the crown," she added with a laugh.

Korostynski gave several examples of crown imagery in the U.S. on product logos, ranging from soda to liquor.

For many, the crown is a symbol of power, but it can also be a symbol of mockery, such as crown of thorns in the Bible.

Crowns are a familiar image on buttons, especially on military buttons. The crowns found on military uniform buttons usually represent the reigning monarch at the time.

Korostynski gave examples of specific crowns on buttons, including the St. Edward and Imperial State. The St. Edward is the crown Queen Elizabeth wore for her coronation and the Imperial State crown is worn by King Charles.

Button makers need to get permission from the king or queen to use their crowns in their designs, something they need to apply for each year.



Massachusetts State Button Society Vice-President Donna Major of West Brookfield, browses Betty Korostynski's collection.



Tim Kennedy of Pelham, New Hampshire sells his late wife's buttons at the Massachusetts State Button Society's show on Oct. 21 in Three Rivers.

Some designer buttons, such as those from Lauren Conrad, feature a crown and shield.

Korostynski questioned whether or not King Charles would have a crown remade now that he ruled the throne.

She left audience members with a quote from Beyonce, reminding them that "you can't wear a crown with your head down," and to "hold your heads high and look royal."

Throughout the day, button dealers had thousands of their buttons available to purchase, ranging in price, rarity, and interest.

Tim Kennedy of Pelham, New Hampshire has been selling buttons for about a year and a half, following his wife's death.

Kennedy said button collecting was his wife's favorite hobby, and she also loved paper quilling. She taught quilling classes at their local library, and the group continues to meet today with its membership growing.

Kennedy's buttons are carefully cataloged by different types of animals, animation and much more, spanning the entire alphabet. Even



These colorful buttons were arranged in the shape of St. Edward's crown.



Train and railroad themed buttons were also popular among button collectors

the youngest shopper found a button (or a dozen) to match their interests.

About the Massachusetts State Button Society

Founded in 1942, the Massachusetts State Button Society consists of four local clubs that gather together several times a year as a state organization to promote the knowledge and enjoyment of button collecting.

These clubs include the Crescent Button Club, Monson Button Club, Shirley Button Club and Metropolitan

Button Club.

Next year's shows will be held April 13 and Oct. 19 in Three Rivers and July 20 in Shirley.

Dues are \$10 per year and can be mailed to Massachusetts State Button Society Treasurer Darlene Gildert, 50 Prouty Road, New Braintree, MA 01531. Junior dues are \$3 per year.

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