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November YN Auction

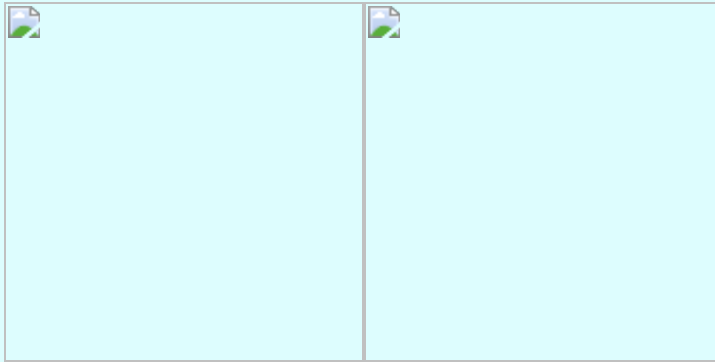
The November YN Auction is here! View the lots below, and jump to the [YN Auction](#) page to place a bid with your YN Dollars.

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**Lot 1: 1893-O Barber
Dime; Very Fine Details
(Harshly Cleaned)**

Reserve: \$40 YN Dollars



**Lot 2: 1917-C Canada
(Newfoundland) One
Cent; Extremely Fine**

No Reserve



**Lot 3: 2000 Lincoln Cent
with Broadstrike Error;
Gem Brilliant Uncirculated**

Reserve: \$25 YN Dollars

YNs may bid on one or all items with YN Dollars. Bids must be placed no later than November 15. In case of a tie, the first person to submit the winning bid will receive the lot.



ANA Coin Press: 10 Invaluable Tips for Purchasing Collectible Coins Online

The world of collectible coins is a fascinating one, filled with history, art, and a sense of adventure. In recent years, the internet has made it easier than ever to

purchase these coveted items from the comfort of your own home. However, buying collectible coins online also comes with its fair share of potential risks. To help you navigate the world of online coin collecting, we've put together this 10-point checklist with tips and guidelines to ensure you make informed and secure purchases.

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The Sacagawea *Mule Error*

By: Cam Scheirer

The Sacagawea Mule Error is one of the most famous error coins known. It is so famous that this coin is ranked number six on [PCGS's top 100 modern coins list](#). How was this strange coin created? How did such an unlikely pairing of two coins actually become a reality? To answer that question, I first need to define what a mule error is. A mule error is a coin that has the obverse of one denomination or design, and a reverse of another. The Sacagawea Mule Error has the obverse of a 2000-P Washington quarter and the reverse of a Sacagawea dollar, joined together on the manganese brass planchet of the Sacagawea.



How was this created? The creation of this mule is unlike that of any other. Rather than being created on purpose by mischievous U.S. Mint employees like other mules, the Sacagawea Mule was created by accident. The story goes that the Die Room employee gave a coin press operator a Washington quarter obverse die instead of a Sacagawea dollar obverse die. Neither of them checked to make sure that they had the correct die, so soon enough, the first Sacagawea Mule Error was made. Many thousands of mule coins were minted on that day and in the days to come. The mule coins were discovered by Mint employees soon after they were minted, and for many days afterwards, they had to search through bins of coins, removing these errors.

One of the strangest things about the Sacagawea Mule is that it has several die varieties. This suggests that the Die Room employee may have given the coin press operators the incorrect dies multiple times, something unheard of in the limited world of mule errors. The first die variety has a crack on the letter "F" in

"OF" on the reverse. A die crack would be special on its own, but because it is on a mule coin, it is especially interesting. Most of the nineteen surviving examples of the Sacagawea Mules are of this variety. The second die variety of the Sacagawea Mules has not one, but *three* die cracks, all on the reverse. This amazing variety has one crack near the "D" in "DOLLAR," another near the star next to the "E" in "ONE," and a third die crack above the other two. The obverse die has no visible imperfections. The last die variety has a small gouge near Washington's lip, but is otherwise fine. The reverse of this die variety is perfect as well.

Though the Mint employees tried the best they could, they could not keep all of the Sacagawea Mules out of circulation. This mule was discovered later in the year 2000 in Arkansas, and since then 18 more examples have been discovered. The Sacagawea Mule is a fascinating piece, highly desirable among collectors.

Resources

<https://www.pcgs.com/top100/coin6>

<https://auctions.stacksbowers.com/lots/view/3-918QX/2000-p-sacagawea-dollar-muled-with-a-statehood-quarter-ms-67-ngc>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sX_G0ljcRCM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBuliGDwDJE>

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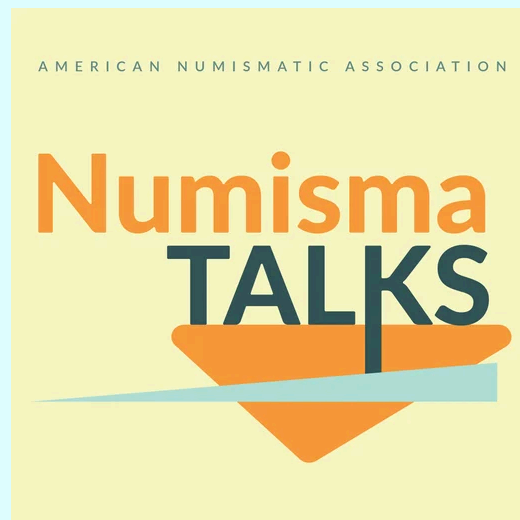
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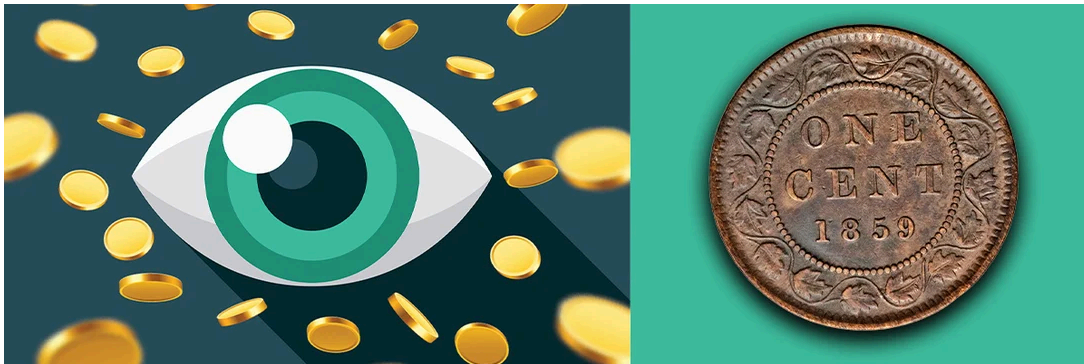
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Presented by David Schwager

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Eye Appeal Vs. Grade

When it comes to coins, looks matter

The YN Perspective from the November 2023 *Numismatist* by CJ Buchanan

After almost 40 years since the advent of third-party grading, it is easy to blindly follow the grading game. After all, grade determines a piece's price, desirability, and oftentimes how much clout you receive after adding the piece to your collection. With everything tied to the grade listed on the slab, it may seem like this assessment is the end-all, be-all of coin collecting, but ignoring the grade and focusing on the eye appeal will lead to a better collection and a more enjoyable hobby experience.

Own a Piece of History from the Money Museum

Join the monthly ANA Money Museum Auction on eBay, **November 16-23**.

Collectors will have a week to review the items – all of which are duplicate, mostly low-value specimens already represented in the Money Museum collection. (No permanent items from the collection are being sold.)

ANA members receive a 20% discount on their winning bids! All proceeds will be used to support the Museum's educational mission.



Money Museum auctions take place every third Thursday of the month. **YN Dollars are NOT allowed to be used to purchase these deaccessioned items – YN Dollars can only be used to "purchase" items in the official ANA YN Auctions held each month.**

[View the Money Museum eBay Store](#)

How to Earn YN Dollars - Changing in January



YN dollars earned by Young Numismatists can be used during monthly auctions or the annual online YN Auction, held in October each year. Please note, the requirements for earning YN Dollars will be updated January 1, 2024.

[See Updated Ways to Earn YN Dollars](#)

There are a number of ways to earn YN dollars, including:

- Completing school projects on numismatics
- Participating in a National Coin Week project
- Attending a local ANA member coin club meeting
- Presenting talks or programs
- Serving as an officer for a local ANA member coin club or a regional ANA member organizations
- Recruiting new members for the ANA
- Publishing numismatic articles
- Attending local or regional coin show and/or displaying an exhibit
- Attending an ANA convention
- And more!

See a list of all the ways Young Numismatists can earn auction money through December.

ANA YNs Receive Free CONECA Membership

The Combined Organization of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA) is offering a free, one-year membership to ANA Young Numismatists. CONECA is a national numismatic organization devoted to the education of error and variety coin collectors.

As a benefit of CONECA membership,



YNs will receive the educational journal *The Errorscope*, which is mailed bi-monthly. CONECA also offers members a lending library, plus examination, listing and attribution services.

To redeem your free membership, email yn@conecaonline.org. Be sure to include your name, email address, ANA membership number, and mention the

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