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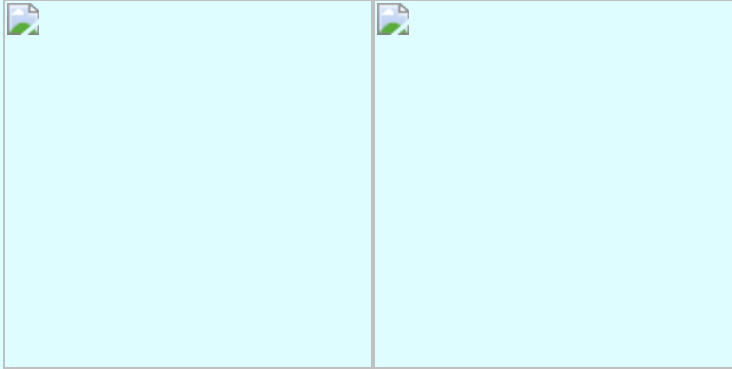


March YN Auction

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

Not sure what YN Dollars are or how to earn them? Visit [How to Earn YN Dollars](#).

Click to enlarge auction lots



**Lot 1: 1905 Barber
Quarter, Fine**

Reserve: \$10 YN Dollars

**Lot 2: 1917 Canada One
Cent, Almost
Uncirculated Brown**

Reserve: \$20 YN Dollars

**Lot 3: 2006-D Roosevelt
Dime, Satin Finish, Graded
Mint State-68 (ANACS)**

Reserve: \$10 YN Dollars

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



Participate in the National Coin Week Youth Activity

This year's 100th anniversary National Coin Week, April 21-27, theme is "A Hobby for a Changing World – 100 Years and Counting."

From early civilization to today, the state of collecting coins has reflected societal trends, collaboration among collectors, and shifting interests. The 100th anniversary event will focus on how coinage and money have evolved and changed to embrace varying cultural values over time.

Take part in the celebration with the [youth activity](#) of creating a medal that represents a year from National Coin Week, peruse the ANA collection to explore [related articles](#), and attend free eLearning Academy presentations throughout the week.

Visit the National Coin Week page on the ANA website to learn more about daily trivia on social media during the week. You could even win valuable prizes!

[Learn More About National Coin Week](#)

Earn a College Scholarship
for Numismatic Involvement



Applications for the Gerome Walton Memorial College Scholarships, provided by the ANA, are being accepted through March 13. The scholarship fund provides a graduating high school senior, who is also a member of the ANA, with \$1,000 to use at the university, community college, or trade school in the U.S. of the student's choice.

This scholarship can be used for tuition, books or supplies directly related to class requirements. Up to two scholarships may be awarded annually. Students with a full class schedule, who maintain a B average throughout their higher education can receive the \$1,000 scholarships for up to four years.

Applications must be postmarked by March 13, 2024.

Completed applications should be sent to:

ANA College Scholarship Committee
c/o Paula Knepper
818 N. Cascade Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

For additional information, contact Paula Knepper at pknepper@money.org or call (719) 482-9852.

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The Alligator & the Pirates

From the Reading Room

It is remarkable. In every adventure I undertake, I find a coin story. It's always there; you just need to know where to look.

Pursuit of the hobby was not on the agenda when my wife, Mary Ann, and I signed on with Captain Ann Baxter for a half-day cruise aboard her small, outboard speedboat. With our sole shelter from the Florida sun being a navy-blue canvas canopy (I think they're called Bimini tops"), our mission was to explore the waters of the Florida Keys.

[Continue Reading "The Alligator & the Pirates"](#)



Attend the Best Vacation Ever

Session 1: June 16-19 | **Session 2: June 23-26**

The best learning experience in numismatics is the American Numismatic Association's annual Summer Seminar in beautiful Colorado Springs, Colo., on the campus of Colorado College and the ANA. For years, Summer Seminar has featured classes to suit virtually every collector's needs, led by instructors who are recognized as leaders in their fields. Optional tours, mini-seminars, lectures and special events (plus lodging and meal plan options) allow you to customize your experience. There's a reason that more than 70 percent of our students and instructors return year after year – **the education, friendships and camaraderie are life changing.**

[Learn More About Summer Seminar](#)



ANA eLearning ACADEMY



New Young Numismatist Programs Are Coming Soon!

The ANA's Education Department has created a new vision and mission to guide and develop a learning continuum for young numismatists based on best practices for 21st-century learning. These programs will launch on the eLearning Academy on April 29. Each grade group (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12) will have specific activities designed to progressively challenge YNs to first **EXPLORE** in lower grades, **STUDY** in middle grades, and **CONNECT** in upper grades.

Coin Explorers

Grades K-5

Coin Explorers will complete The Dollar Project, a series of four educational activities where you can research and get directly involved in engaging topics. Along the way, you'll earn numismatic prizes and YN Dollars.

Money Study Buddies

Grades 6-8

Part of being a numismatist requires researching, studying and participating in the difference facets of numismatics. The Money Study Buddies Project asks you to contribute and grow in the world of numismatics.

Currency Connectors

Grades 9-12

The Currency Connectors Project is designed to help you continue your exploration and study of numismatics, as you begin to connect with the bigger numismatic world.

Strong connections in the numismatic world not only provide guidance when it comes to studying and collecting, but

they also create a network for numismatists to communicate, build trust, contribute, and provide service. Many numismatists attend shows and/or Summer Seminar, participate in e-learning, and/or make charitable donations to help build these connections.

Visit money.org/education starting April 29 to access all the ANA's new educational content.

[Watch a Video About the New ANA eLearning Academy](#)

Submissions Accepted for ANA Young Numismatist Literary Awards

Submissions for the ANA's annual Young Numismatist Literary Awards competition are being accepted through **April 1**. The awards were established to encourage young writers in three age groups, all of whom will compete for cash awards and numismatic books.

To compete in this year's competition, participants must be ANA members. Submitted articles will focus on a numismatic topic of the competitor's choice.



Bill Fivaz Young Numismatist Literary Award: Ages 8-12

Article should display basic knowledge of a numismatic topic. Creativity and original conclusions are encouraged. Suggested length: 450-900 words.

Kenneth E. Bressett Young Numismatist Literary Awards: Ages 18-22

Article should display in-depth knowledge of a numismatic topic. Logically presented facts and original conclusions are required, as is a bibliographic list of sources. Inclusion of charts, graphs, tables or other illustrations is encouraged. Suggested length: 1,800-3,600 words.

Q. David Bowers Young Numismatist Literary Award: Ages 13-17

Article should display advanced knowledge of a numismatic topic. Logically presented facts and original conclusions are encouraged. A bibliographic list of sources if recommended, but not required. Suggested length: 900-1,800 words.

When submitting articles:

- Provide ANA member number, category of submission, and contact information (email, phone number, and address) on the first page.
- Include the author's name and award category in the file name.
- Submissions are accepted in Microsoft Word or PDF format only.
- Up to three submissions per author are allowed.
- Submissions previously published in *The Numismatist* will not be accepted.

Completed entries should be emailed to ssewart@money.org.

Attend NumismaTalks, *Monthly Webinar Series*

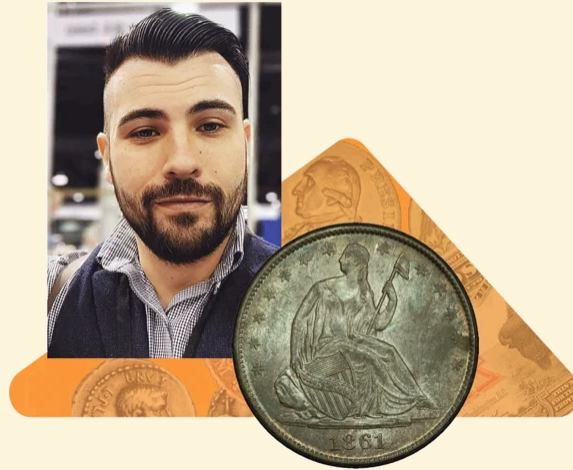
NumismaTalks, an ANA webinar series, will be presented by a rotating array of top industry experts. Part of the ANA eLearning Academy, NumismaTalks consist of hour-long presentations, 12-1pm MT, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. *All NumismaTalks are recorded, and starting on April 29, will be available to members only on our eLearning Academy.*

March 14

"The Numismatic Circus: B. Max Mehl and Farran Zerbe (LIVE from the Colorado Springs National Money Show®)

Presented by Russ Bega

B. Max Mehl and Farran Zerbe were two of the biggest, and in some cases, most controversial figures in 20th century numismatics. The intrigue and artifacts they left behind are truly a rich story fit for P. T. Barnum and his famous circus



March 28

"Sovereign Money, Past, Present and Future"

Presented by Doug Mudd

This talk is an exploration of the history and origins of money as a form of mass media – a conveyor of meaning – and how it expresses the messages issuing authorities intend and what they tell us about the authorities. To do so, it is necessary to develop an understanding of the symbolism and written shorthand used to convey messages on coinage over time. Case studies will be used based on Roman Republican, English and early American coinage along with paper money from the 18th century to the present, ending with a short review and speculation about the future of money, including cryptocurrencies.

Celebrate Your Special Day with the ANA

The ANA wants to help you celebrate your special day. During your birth month, please contact Sam Gelberd at sgelberd@money.org to request your special coin and \$20 YN Dollars. Remember, YN Dollars can be used in monthly and annual YN auctions.

It is required that you make the request **during your birth month**. Otherwise, you have to wait until next year to receive goodies.



THE Numismatist

The YN Perspective



Up to Grade

Understanding the ABCs of grading will help you grow as a collector.

The YN Perspective from the March 2024 *Numismatist* by CJ Buchanan

In my November 2023 article, I argued that focusing on a coin's eye appeal instead of its grade leads to a more enjoyable collecting experience. However, this is only part of the picture. Understanding how to grade is necessary to be a well-informed numismatist. At its fundamental level, grading consists of assessing a coin based on many factors (luster, friction, wear, surface, preservation, etc.) and then judging it on a scale. To accurately grade, you must be conscious of all aspects of a coin – how it was struck, how examples commonly look, and most importantly, whether it's authentic.

[Continue Reading "Up to Grade"](#)

Own a Piece of History from the Money Museum

Join the monthly ANA Money Museum Auction on eBay, **March 21-28**.

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

YN Dollars are designed to reward Young Numismatists for participation in activities related to the world of numismatics. YNs are able to save and spend this physical internal scrip of the ANA's Education Department to earn prizes in the Education Department's Monthly and Annual YN Auctions.

[See Ways to Earn YN Dollars](#)

Free MCA Membership

[Medal Collectors of America \(MCA\)](#) is offering a free, one-year membership to all ANA Young Numismatists. MCA was founded in Aug. 1998 at the Portland, Oregon convention of the ANA. The organization exists to serve the collector of art and historical medals.

As a benefit for joining the organization, members will receive the electronic, online edition of the *MCA Advisory* – a magazine containing original articles related to the study and collecting of historical and commemorative medals as well as art and award medals. Members are also encouraged to submit articles, announcements or other newsworthy items of interest to fellow medal enthusiasts, which will be considered for publication online.



To redeem your free membership, complete the [YN application form](#) and email it to numismatist9@gmail.com.

Want to contribute to "Your Newsletter?"

Submit your numismatic articles and photos to "Your Newsletter" by emailing yournewsletter@money.org. Articles must be 1,000 words or less.



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