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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

# Your NEWSLETTER



## December YN Auction

The December YN Auction is here! View the lots below, and jump to the [Google Classroom](#) 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: 1979 American Bank Note Company, Intaglio Print**

*No Reserve*



**Lot 2: 1963 Franklin Half Dollar, Proof**

*No Reserve*



**Lot 3: 1944 Two Shillings, KM-855, Great Britain**

*No Reserve*

*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.*

**Find YN Programs on Google Classroom**

**Visit Google Classroom**



## Buyer Beware

Article from the [Reading Room](#)

One of the most frustrating obstacles in numismatics is counterfeits, and no place is more notorious for selling them than eBay. The site is littered with counterfeit coins, and while the company often attempts to remove such listings, the sheer volume of them means that some are always bound to sneak through.

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## Young Numismatists of America, Vote for Your Next Club Officers

Nominations have been collected, and campaign messages for this year's candidates will appear in the November edition of *The Young Numismatist*. YNA members have the opportunity to review each candidate's vision and goals and votes will be collected during the December meeting to elect the new club officers for 2026.

[Learn More](#)

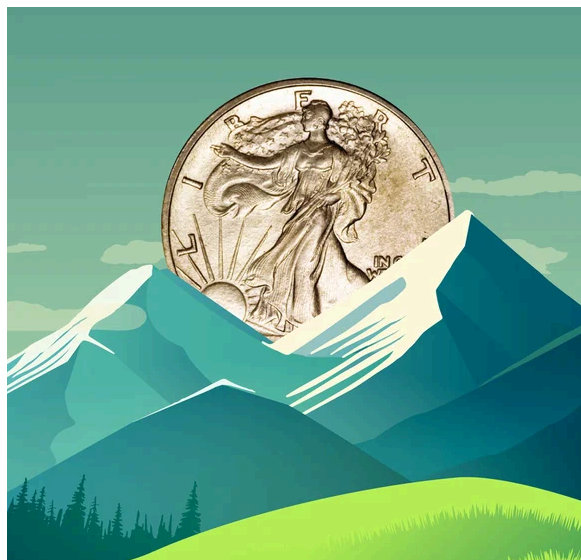


## Learn, Connect & Collect: Apply for a 2026 Summer Seminar Scholarship

The ANA is accepting scholarship applications for the 2026 Summer Seminar, the hobby's most exciting summer event of learning and camaraderie. Each summer, collectors from around the world gather in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for two unforgettable sessions filled with hands-on classes, new friendships, and a shared passion for numismatics.

Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2026. Recipients will attend one of two week-long sessions, **June 20-25** or **June 27-July 2**. Scholarships are awarded based on need and merit and are open to both adults and young numismatists.

Full scholarships include tuition, room and board, and airfare. Partial scholarships cover tuition only.



Applications are available at [money.org/ana-summer-seminar-scholarships](https://money.org/ana-summer-seminar-scholarships). For additional information, contact the ANA Seminars Department at 719-482-9848 or email [seminars@money.org](mailto:seminars@money.org).

## Collecting Friends: Regrets



Blog authors Dennis Tucker and Steven Roach reflect on the coins collectors passed up, the mistakes they made, and the lessons learned—showing how even regrets can deepen our understanding of the hobby and fuel better decisions moving forward.

[Continue Reading "Regrets"](#)



## The Dodo Bird of U.S. Coinage: The 1964-D Peace Dollar

*by Samuel Sternberg*

This may have been one of the biggest mistakes, if not the biggest mistake, ever made by the U.S. Mint: the melting of the 1964-D Peace dollars. And here's why!

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## 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. *Live webinars are free and recorded webinars are available online at [money.org/videos/numismatalks](https://money.org/videos/numismatalks).*

***There will only be one course in December due to the holidays.***



### **December 11**

#### **"The Numismatic History of the Silk Road(s)"**

Presented by Douglas Mudd

The Silk Road has captured the public imagination and inspired museum exhibitions, coffee table books, cultural festivals, and archaeological programs over the last several decades. This is amazing considering the largely forgotten (at least in the west) history of Central Asia. Yet, this vast trade network began at the

very end of the first millennium B.C. and operated almost continuously for more than 1,500 years, involving Rome, China, and all of the regions in between them.

Previous exhibits have focused mostly on the cultural objects, archeological remains, surviving narratives, etc., but relatively few have focused on the

numismatic legacy of the Silk Road(s). This presentation will outline the history of the Silk Road(s) focusing on the coins that formed an integral part of the vast trade network across Eurasia.

[Register for NumismaTalks](#)

## Celebrate Your Special Day with the ANA

The ANA wants to help you celebrate your special day. During your birth month, please log on to Google Classroom to request your special coin and 20 YN Dollars and provide your full mailing address. Remember, YN Dollars can be used in monthly and annual auctions.

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



[Log on to Google Classroom](#)

## Own a Piece of History from the Money Museum

Join the monthly ANA Money Museum Auction on eBay, **December 18-25**, one week early due to Thanksgiving.

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 (excluding gold)!**  
All proceeds are used to support the Museum's educational mission.



**Visit Money Museum eBay Store**

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.**

**How to Earn YN Dollars**



YN Dollar requests must be submitted with evidence within 60 days of activity completion.

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](#)

## 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.

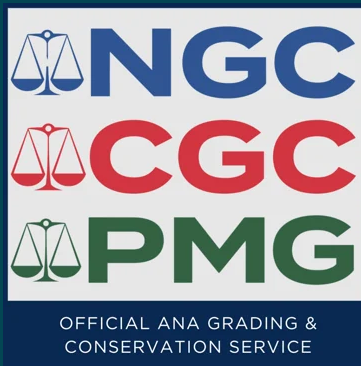
To redeem your free membership, email [yn@conecaonline.org](mailto:yn@conecaonline.org). Be sure to include your name, email address, ANA membership number, and mention the code CONECAYN#16 in the email body or subject line.

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