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Your NEWSLETTER



February YN Auction

The February 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: Mystery Grab Bag

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No Reserve



Lot 2: 1969 Jamaica, Proof Set

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No Reserve



Lot 3: 1983 5 Dollars, Pick-2, Zimbabwe

No Reserve

YNs may bid on one or all items with YN Dollars. Bids must be placed no later than February 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



Join the New ANA YN Coin Club

Based on survey results, we have enough interest to start an ANA YN Coin Club.

The first meeting will take place on March 7, 5 pm MT (7 pm ET, 6 pm CT, 4 pm PT). Attendees must be in grades 6-12 (or 11 years old in 5th grade). **Anyone under 18 will need parent permission to join.**

Interested in joining the club? Go to Google Classroom and complete the registration and permission slip. Simply follow [this link](#).

The first meeting will focus on getting to know each other, setting by-laws, choosing a club name, and selecting officers. Come ready with your ideas! The club meeting will be held through Google Meet.

New eLearning Academy Courses Releasing This Month

This month, ANA members can expect to see two new courses in the ANA eLearning Academy. One is the fully updated second Numismatic Diploma Program course, *Grading U.S. Coins*. The course is designed to help collectors evaluate coins. If collectors better understand the factors and current standards that

determine a coin's condition and grade, they can study and appraise pieces of their own, independent of grades assigned by third-party services and others.

Learn More About Numismatic Diploma Program



Aristotle's Vault, a platform where numismatic educators share their knowledge, will also present a forum called *Grading United States Coins*. Taught by Don Bonser and Jim Stoutjesdyk, the series will cover a popular course annually presented during Summer Seminar. They examine the qualities and characteristics of coins with the goal of helping students accurately determine a coin's grade from the ANA standards and market grading standards.

The courses will be available at money.org/elearning.

Collecting Friends: How Many Coin Collectors Are There?

In a new blog installment from Dennis Tucker and Steve Roach, the pair discuss quantifying collectors.



Dennis: How many coin collectors are there in the United States? This numismatic puzzle is like Thomas Aquinas's philosophical rumination, "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?" Estimates range from thousands to millions.

I think the answer boils down to how you define "collector."

Continue Reading "How Many Coin Collectors Are There?"



Submit Your Numismatic Writing, Chance to Win Awards

Submissions for the American Numismatic Association'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.

Guidelines for Submissions

When submitting articles:

- ◆ Provide ANA member number, category of submission and contact information (email, phone number and address) on the first page.
- ◆ Include 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.

For more information, visit money.org/yn-literary-awards. Send submissions to Sydney Stewart, sstewart@money.org by no later than April 1.

How to Become a Trillionaire

Article from the [Reading Room](#)



Did you know you can become a trillionaire with less than \$20? In 2008 Zimbabwe was in a period of hyperinflation. Over a couple of years, the purchasing power of the Zimbabwe dollar dropped by an astounding 500 billion percent. By 2008 the "value" of money had so many zeros that a major bank's automated teller machines began showing "data overflow errors" after customers withdrew too much money.

[Continue Reading "How to Become a Trillionaire"](#)

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.*

There will only be one course in February due to the [National Money Show](#).

February 13

"From Coinage to Legacy: Exploring the U.S. Mint's Impact on the Chicago World's Fair"

Presented by Robert Penn

This presentation will explore the U.S. Mint's role at the Columbian Exposition of 1893, including the coinage and medals produced for the World's Fair, and how its numismatic legacy continues to resonate today.



March 13

"A Short History of the Suez Canal as Told by Coins, Tokens, and Medals"

Presented by Gamal Amer, Ph.D.

This talk will use coins, tokens, and medals from the speaker's collection to tell the story of the Suez Canal from 1859 until the current times.

[Register for NumismaTalks](#)

March 27

"The Star-Crossed Fate of the Austrian Habsburg Dynasty, and the Commemorative Coins Lamenting the Misfortunes of Those Ill-Fated Rulers"

Presented by Robert "Bob" Bair

From Queen Marie Antoinette in the French Revolution through Emperor Josef II after World War One, the ruling Habsburg Dynasty of Austria was dogged by tragedy, untimely death, and personal misfortune. The Viennese Mint issued six coins from 1997-1999 honoring these unfortunate leaders.

**Participate in National Coin Week
Youth Activities**



Discover the fun and excitement of National Coin Week (April 20-26) with youth activities that bring culture, art, and history to life! Activities are available for students K-12, each with a goal to create a coin that reflects pop culture. The activities reflect this year's event theme, "Iconic Change: Pop Culture & Coins Unite!"

More information on the activities can be found at money.org/ncw-youth-activity.

The ANA also has articles, reading suggestions, and Money Museum virtual exhibits that focus on pop culture. During National Coin Week, everyone has the chance to participate in daily social media trivia challenges, a challenge coin contest from ANA President Tom Uram, and more for the chance to win prizes! [Agoro](#) by New Zealand Mint is generously providing some of these prizes.

For more information, visit NationalCoinWeek.org.

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

Earn a College Scholarship for Numismatic Involvement



Applications for the Gerome Walton Memorial College Scholarships, provided by the ANA, are being accepted **through March 14**. 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 14, 2025**. Completed applications should be sent to:

ANA Education Department
College Scholarship

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.

Own a Piece of History from the Money Museum

Join the monthly ANA Money Museum Auction on eBay, **February 20-27**.

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 winnings 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



Starting January 1, 2025, 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](#)

Free Membership with TEC

If you love Elongated, Squished, or Rolled coins, then [The Elongated Collectors](#) (TEC) is the club for you. Founded in 1966, TEC has members in every state and several countries. Our purpose is to care for and foster interest in these marvelous souvenirs from every source and era.

The club assists and educates collectors; encourages the study, acquisition, and exhibition of elongateds and related items; researches and publishes articles in *TECNews* and other sources; and promotes the realistic and consistent valuation of elongateds.



Membership includes a quarterly newsletter, birthday elongated coin mailed to all junior members, an annual design contest, opportunities to earn special TEC award coins, and a Facebook group.

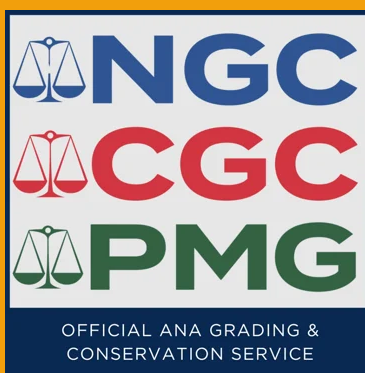
Membership applications can be found on their website, tecnews.org. Any other questions can be referred to the club secretary at terri@tecnews.org.

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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