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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

# Your NEWSLETTER



## January YN Auction

The January 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: AVDP OZ  
Copper Round, .999  
Fine



No Reserve



Lot 2: 1855 (A)  
France, 2 Centimes,  
KM-776.7

No Reserve



Lot 3: 1943 Brazil, 1  
Cruzeiro, KM-132

No Reserve



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

Collecting Friends: Authentication

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



**Steve:** One of the key components of art authentication considers materials: if an artwork was painted with a paint that wasn't invented when an artist painted,, it's probably not authentic. Or, it might just be restored with modern materials. Either way, materials are important in considering the authenticity of an object.

[Continue Reading "Authentication"](#)



**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](http://money.org/yn-literary-awards). Send submissions to Sydney Stewart, [sstewart@money.org](mailto:sstewart@money.org) by no later than April 1.

# Pirate Coins

Article from the Reading Room



From the fictional adventures of Captain Jack Sparrow to the real-life exploits of Blackbeard, pirates have fascinated people for hundreds of years. These stories of seafaring thieves have a knack for capturing our attention in both history books and movies. Most modern pirate tales are rooted in fantasy, often featuring skeleton

sailors and phantom ships. However, some details of these stories are real, such as the money that pirates work so hard to steal. The gold doubloons and "pieces of eight" that fictional pirates love to fill their treasure chests with are very real and were used throughout history.

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## Apply for Summer Seminar Scholarships

The ANA is accepting scholarship applications for its 2025 Summer Seminar, the hobby's premier educational event. Recipients will have the opportunity to attend one of two weeklong sessions, to be held June 21-26 and June 28-July 3 on the Colorado College campus adjacent to ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado. All members are eligible.

YNs can apply for financial aid through the ANA Young Numismatist Scholarship Programs. Applicants must be full-time students, age 13 to 17. Full scholarships include room and board for one week, tuition, and airfare, while partial scholarships cover tuition only. Recipients will be selected based on need and merit.

Scholarship applications are available online and **must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2025**. For additional information, contact the ANA Seminars Department at (719) 482-9848 or email [seminars@money.org](mailto:seminars@money.org).

[Apply for a Summer Seminar Scholarship](#)

## 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).*



## January 9

### "Beautiful Botany on Coinage From Around the World: Part 2 of 2"

Presented by Walt Ostromecki

You will be amazed and often awed by the various flowers, plants, trees, etc. which have appeared on world coinage by this presentation. The botanical tour will open with ancients; then proceed to plants depicted on many countries' coins today.

The numismatic highlight of the talk features a dazzling display of countries which issued "colorized" coins: in gold, silver, and regular circulation issues. Canada, in 2004, was the first country to do so with a colorized quarter: "A Poppy Remembrance Coin," honoring fallen soldiers in world wars.

## January 23

### "The Fugio Cent – First U.S. Coin"

Presented by Pierre Fricke

This presentation will help you learn what Fugio Cents were, how they came about and the story behind the creation and use of them in circulation. We will review the government and private mint officials involved. You will also learn how to collect, and about the current market.

[Register for NumismaTalks](#)

**Celebrate National Coin Week,  
April 20-26, 2025**

*Iconic Change: Pop Culture & Coins Unite!*



Normally when we think of pop culture, we picture movie stars, superheroes, and music icons.

But pop culture is much more—it's a mirror of society, reflecting its beliefs, values, actions, and the popular trends of a given time. Beyond entertainment, pop culture has the power to drive social change and raise awareness about important issues, shaping the way the world is seen. The 2025 National Coin Week event will focus on how pop culture has been represented in numismatics throughout the years.

The ANA will provide NumismaTalks, a youth activity, social media challenges, articles from the Numismatist, the chance to win prizes and more during National Coin Week. Get involved by taking part in activities, sharing posts, and encouraging friends to join in the fun!

For more information, visit [NationalCoinWeek.org](https://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](mailto:pknepper@money.org) or call (719) 482-9852.

## Be a Page at the ANA's National Money Show!



Young Numismatists who are ANA members have the opportunity to volunteer to be a Page during the Atlanta National Money Show®, Feb. 27-March 1, 2025. Pages must be between the ages of 11 and 22.

- Collect tips while attending the biggest coin show of the spring.
- Network with dealers and professional numismatists.
- Earn YN Dollars to use in the monthly YN Auction.

**Applications** must be postmarked by January 17, 2025.

## Own a Piece of History from the Money Museum

Join the monthly ANA Money Museum Auction on eBay, **January 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 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 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](mailto:numismatist9@gmail.com).

## Want to contribute to "Your Newsletter?"

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



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