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Your NEWSLETTER



March YN Auction

The March 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: 1893 World's
Columbian Exposition
Half Dollar**

No Reserve



**Lot 2: 1966 5
Shillings, KM-28m
Jersey, Proof**

No Reserve



**Lot 3: 1923 1 Million
Marks (Notgeld),
Cologne, Germany**

No Reserve

*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.*



Attend the Best Vacation Ever

Session 1: June 21-26 | Session 2: June 28-July 3

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. Summer Seminar features 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 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](#)

Find YN Programs on Google Classroom

[Visit Google Classroom](#)



Join the New ANA YN Coin Club

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

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.**

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.

Charles E. Barber: Creator of the Barber Series

By Cameron Djilo



Charles E. Barber is one of the most well-known American coin designers, best known for his Barber coin series. The series included dimes, quarters, and half dollars. Before Charles created the iconic series, he was born in London in 1840. When he was 12, he moved to America with his father, William Barber, who got a job as an assistant engraver in the U.S. Mint. When he did, the family moved to Philadelphia. William would embark on the same career his son would, becoming engraver at the U.S. Mint and making iconic legal tender coins like the Trade Dollar and the Double Dime (A.K.A. the 20 cent piece).

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Collecting Friends: Buying Gold

In a new blog installment from Dennis Tucker and Steve Roach, the authors discuss how and why collectors might be interested in purchasing gold.

Steve: Earlier this year there was a lot written about Costco selling gold bars. Debbie Carlson's article in the January 8, 2024, *Wall Street Journal* had a comment from a retired gentleman who buys gold on occasion as an investment. He typically bought from his local precious metal dealer, but decided to give Costco a try, lured by its free shipping and because of his affinity for the Costco brand. Gold bar offerings on Costco's website typically sell out within a few hours, even with a limit of two bars per member, and the company sold over \$100 million in gold during one quarter of 2023.

[Continue Reading "Buying Gold"](#)



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, ssewart@money.org by no later than April 1.

Building a Numismatic Library

Article from the [Reading Room](#)



In the March 1966 issue of *The Numismatist*, numismatic dealer Aaron Feldman ran an advertisement for books. Many of the great numismatic works were listed for sale, along with several new pieces of numismatic literature. A total of 25 books were featured below the catchy headline, "Buy the Book Before the Coins." Numismatists rapidly embraced this phrase.

[Continue Reading "Building a Numismatic Library"](#)

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.*

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.



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.

[Register for NumismaTalks](#)

**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!

[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 or call (719) 482-9852.

Own a Piece of History from the Money Museum

Join the monthly ANA Money Museum Auction on eBay, **March 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](#)

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.

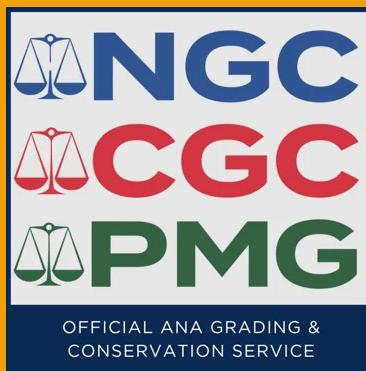
To redeem your free membership, email yn@conecaonline.org. Be sure to include your name, email address, ANA membership number, and mention the code CONECAYN#16 in the email body or subject line.

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