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Last Chance to Register for Annual Live YN Auction

The 11th Annual Live Young Numismatist Auction is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11.

The annual Live Young Numismatist Auction is almost here! With the catalog available online, you can develop a strategy by deciding how much you are willing to spend on each lot, based on the amount of YN Dollars you have in hand.

[View YN Auction Catalog](#)

To join the auction, YNs must be in the YN [Google Classroom](#). To register for the auction, fill out the form under "2025 Annual YN Auction" in Classwork. For questions or concerns, reach out to ANA Numismatic Educator Steve Roach at sroach@money.org.

[Register in Google Classroom](#)

YN Dollars are the only form of payment accepted for auction items. Only current ANA members in grades K-12 may participate.

Review These Important "Do's and Don'ts" for the Live YN Auction



- **Register to participate no later than Saturday, October 4.** Trying to register after this time will not allow you to participate. Trying to join the chat the morning of the

auction will not work. Bids are not accepted unless it is from a valid screen name.

- **Read ALL of the auction rules, terms & conditions of sale, and tips well before the auction.** Review the lots in advance and decide which ones interest you the most.

- **Develop a strategy** by deciding how much you are willing to spend on each lot, based on the amount of YN Dollars you have in hand (and follow this strategy!)

- **Bid early if you are serious about winning a lot.** There is a time delay between the actual time at the ANA and the time it takes for bids to come through chat. Make sure you don't lose out on lots because once the hammer falls and a lot is closed, that lot is done and we move on to the next one (do not hesitate).

- **Keep track of the lot(s) you've won**, and keep a running total of how much you will have to send in for payment—you don't want to realize you ran out of YN Dollars for something you really wanted.

- **Click on the View Bidding Increments button on the YN Auction page** of the ANA website. These are the amounts that will be accepted for bids. You may place a "cut bid" (or a bid for less than the next bidding increment amount) **only after the opening minimum bid has been announced and placed by someone.**

- **Make sure you have resolved any technical issues** well before the auction starts (is your portable device charged?)



- **Don't try to arrange deals with other YNs for specific lots.** It's up to you to bid strategically for any items you are interested in. Asking your friends not to bid on something just because you want to increase your chances of winning often does not end well. There are several YNs bidding on these lots, so it's up to **YOU** to develop a winning strategy, based on the amount of YN Dollars you have and are willing to spend.

- **Don't try to place "buy" or "unlimited" bids before the auction starts.** Bids for each lot are only accepted live and for only one lot at a time. Minimum bids are already posted in the catalog. Unless the auctioneer states otherwise, you may not place a cut bid for lower than the opening amount.

- **Don't ask if you can use "real" money to pay for any lots.** YN Dollars are the **ONLY** form of payment accepted for an ANA YN Auction.

- **Don't send in payments without having received an invoice first!** And if you can't send the exact amount for payments, no worries – you will receive change in YN Dollars.

- **Don't try to bid on any lots for a friend or relative.** YN Dollars are not transferable, and it is the sole responsibility of each bidder to be sure they are current ANA members and have registered ahead of time, if they wish to participate.

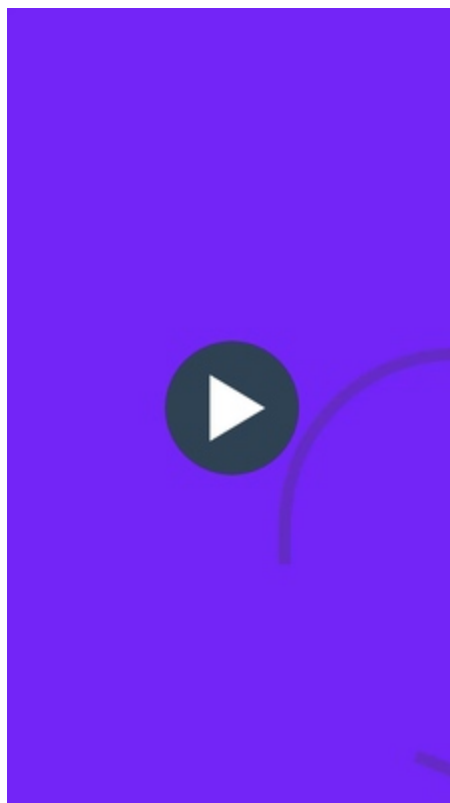
The auctioneer reserves the right to deny any bidder a particular lot, if it has been determined that one or more of the auction rules are not being respected.

A Guide to Your First YN Auction

Article from the [Reading Room](#)

If you're a young numismatist (YN), you've probably heard whispers about the YN Auction. Held in the fall, this annual event provides YNs with an opportunity to participate in an auction and expand their collections. The sale is conducted through a live YouTube stream, and participants submit their bids via live chat. Simply put, the YN Auction is really fun. The thrill of bidding on real items without the pressure of real money, coupled with the joy of interacting with your peers, makes this event a young-collector favorite.

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Click on the video above to watch an overview of the article.

From *The Young Numismatist*: Spying Through Change

by Lucas Lee

The Young Numismatist is the official publication of the Young Numismatists of America.



The coded message hidden in the nickel

Many complex spy gadgets were invented during the Cold War to record or conceal items. Some of those tools included matchbox cameras, shoe transmitters, and microdot cameras. But few of the gadgets were as ordinary and deceptive as spy coins: hollowed-out coins used to conceal microfilm, coded communications, or even poison.

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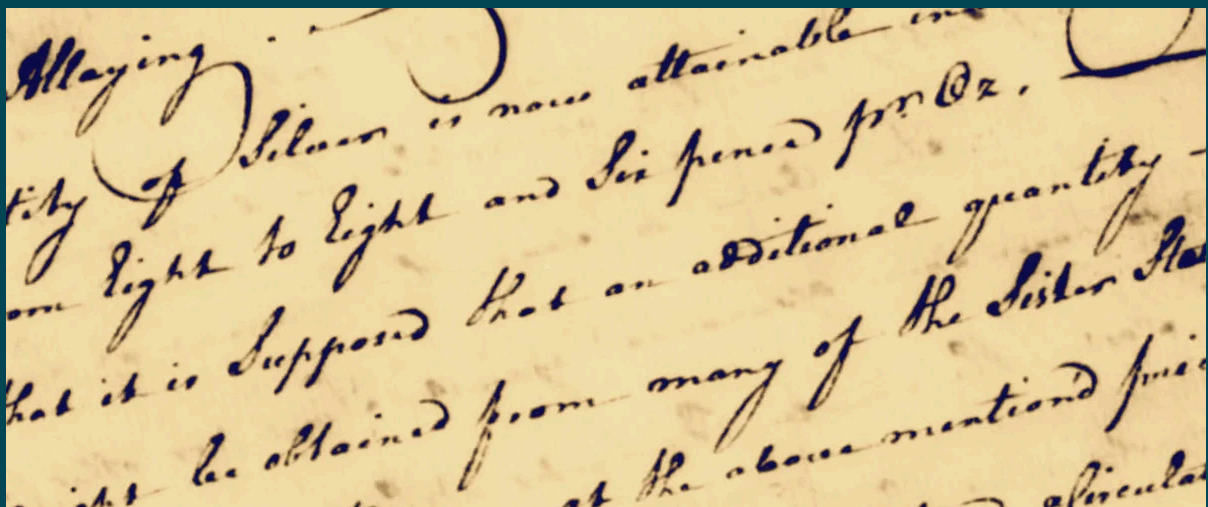


Collecting Friends: Widgets Ahoy!

Dennis Tucker and Steve Roach cover numismatic widgets in this blog installment, reminding us that every piece, no matter how seemingly unimportant, has a story and place in a collection.

Dennis: I believe it was former ANA governor Laura Sperber, of Legend Numismatics, who popularized the term "widget" in relation to collectible coins. We won't find this definition in Webster's dictionary, but in this context it basically means a run-of-the-mill coin with nothing extraordinary to recommend it to an advanced collector.

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The Simson Petition

[Article from the Reading Room](#)

In May 1785, Solomon Simson, Myer Myers, and Walter Mould petitioned the Third Continental Congress, then in session in New York City, to produce coinage for the newly founded United States of America. Simson and Myers were Jewish businessmen, and Mould was a coiner. By partnering together, they hoped to present themselves as having both the financial backing and the coining experience needed to successfully compel Congress to accept their petition.

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[Coin Collecting Merit Badge Course](#)



To help aid Scouts in receiving their Coin Collecting Merit Badge, the American Numismatic Association offers a **free online Google Classroom course** that walks them through all requirements (updated 2024) needed to secure their badge. *Scouts will still need a Merit Badge Counselor to sign off for their badge.*

[Learn More and Register for Course](#)

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.*

October 9

"Batavia's Bounty: Blood on the Coral, Silver in the Deep"

Presented by Caroline Turco

Collectors often measure a coin's worth in dollars and cents, but some pieces carry a far darker weight—an echo of lives lost and empires built. Shipwreck coins, battered by the sea, may never win a beauty contest, yet they hold a haunting place in history.



On October 9, step aboard the *Batavia*, pride of the Dutch East India Company, and set sail on its inaugural voyage. Destined for the lucrative spice trade with a belly full of silver, the *Batavia* promises fortune, glory, and a new chapter of global commerce until it collides with an unseen reef off an unknown continent.

What follows is mutiny, murder, and madness. Survivors not only face the sea, but each other. More than a shipwreck, this is the greatest tale of sunken treasure ever told – a saga of good versus evil – and it's all true!



October 23

"The American Bank Note Company Archives: Monetary History and a Rich Research Opportunity"

Presented by Akio Lis

The American Bank Note Company international archives holds a wealth of information about bank note production around the world. Held by the ANA Dwight N. Manley Numismatic Library, this collection includes information about paper money design,

production, and shipment as well as internal correspondence by ABNCo staff. Some of this correspondence

gives insight into the economic and political situations in countries that have achieved independence from former colonial powers. This presentation will include information about the types of documents, research opportunities, and points of access that are available as the ANA library staff and volunteers catalog and digitize these files.

[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, **October 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 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](#)

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.



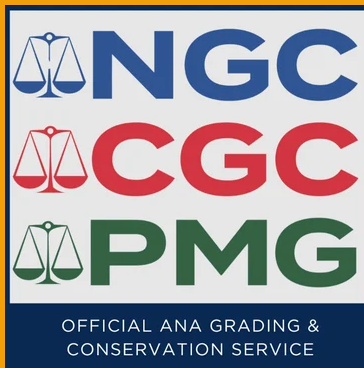
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