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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

# Your NEWSLETTER



## September YN Auction

The September 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: 1945 S  
Mercury Dime, XF  
Details**

*No Reserve*



**Lot 2: 1986 1 Dollar,  
Century of  
Vancouver, Canada,  
Unc.**

*No Reserve*



**Lot 3: 1948 Encased  
Lincoln Cent, Unc.  
Details**

*No Reserve*

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

**Experience 2025 World's Fair of  
Money® Through Videos and Images**



From August 19-23, Oklahoma City became a hot spot for the collector community —thousands of budding and experienced numismatists gathered at the Oklahoma City Convention Center to attend the World's Fair of Money. One of the most popular and well-attended coin conventions in the nation, there was an impressive lineup of dealers, world mints, unforgettable rarities, breathtaking exhibits, hands-on educational sessions, and lively social gatherings. Take a few moments to relive the week in photos and videos!

[Experience the Oklahoma City World's Fair of Money](#)

## From *The Young Numismatist*: Minted in Paint: Botticelli's Numismatic Artwork

by Cam Scheirer, *Exonomia* & *Paper Money* Columnist

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



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Welcome, everyone! I am a seventh grader in the San Francisco Bay Area. One reason why I was interested in being a columnist is because I love the stories behind coins, paper money, and exnumia. Indeed, I've found that some of the most interesting stories and most fascinating characters relate to numismatics, from ancient times right up to the present. My personal favorite "numismatic genre" is mystery. I enjoy researching history as it relates to numismatics, from the ancient coins of Pyrrhus of Epirus, right up to small-size national banknotes. Some of my favorite items to research are tokens, medals, and banknotes. On those items, one can discover the personalities of interesting yet forgotten characters, the goings-on in small towns, and the economic impacts of political, financial, and social phenomena.

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## Collecting Friends: Different Kinds of American Innovation

*In another blog installment from Dennis Tucker and Steve Roach, the two highlight how the U.S. Mint's American Innovation® dollar series reflects values of exploration, discovery, and self-creation embedded in American heritage.*

**Dennis:** Steve, our recent conversation about state-related coins makes me curious about your opinion on the American Innovation dollars—specifically, how to define "innovation."



## Masterpieces: Coins As Art

Article from the [Reading Room](#)

Perhaps one of the most beautiful things about numismatics is the art behind each coin. When browsing through U.S. coins, the change in style between each engraver, designer, and era is fascinating. A coin's design can show the changing ideals of each period. The two most common symbols on U.S. coinage are Lady Liberty (the national personification of the United States) and the bald eagle (the national symbol). Both symbols represent U.S. ideals of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The incorporation of symbols on coins is an art in itself—not to mention the true heroes, the designers and engravers who put in countless hours to turn a concept into reality.

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# The Numismatic DIPLOMA PROGRAM



## Third Course of Numismatic Diploma Program Available Now

[Register for Numismatic Diploma Program](#)

The third course of the Numismatic Diploma Program, *Detecting Counterfeit and Altered Coins*, is available online. Each course of the program is undergoing review and receiving updates to reflect the current numismatic landscape.

*Detecting Counterfeit and Altered Coins* explores how to detect fake coins. Whether you are new to the hobby or a more experienced numismatist, you will learn skills that will help you evaluate coins in your collection, as well as potential purchases. If you better understand the factors and characteristics that determine a coin's authenticity, you will be able to add to your collection with more confidence.



## Register for the Annual Live YN Auction

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

ANA Young Numismatists (YNs) have the opportunity to participate in the annual YN Auction each year – a learning experience that allows you to feel the excitement and pressure you'd experience bidding on items. Plus, you'll have an opportunity to win treasures!

The auction has a total of 110 lots, which includes six categories: U.S. Coins, World Coins, Exonumia, Paper Money, Books & Albums, and random Grab Bags.

*YN Dollars are the **only** form of payment accepted for auction items. Only current ANA members in grades K-12 may participate. Submitting YN Dollars after Sept. 26 will not guarantee they will be processed in time for lot payment. Please note you must only place bids within the amount of YN Dollars in your possession.*

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](mailto:sroach@money.org).

[Register in Google Classroom](#)

**Auction catalog coming soon!**

## 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*

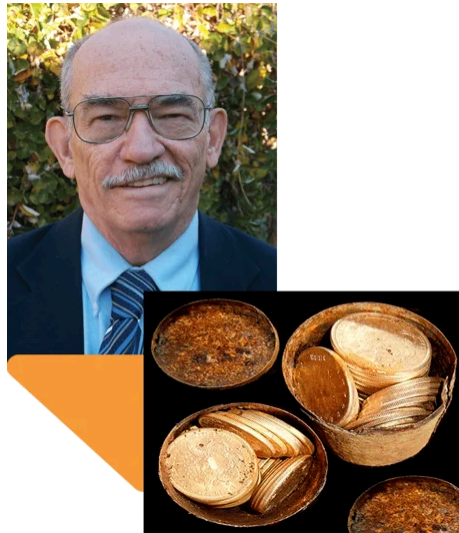
NumismaTalks, an ANA webinar series, will be presented by a rotating array of top industry experts. Part of the ANA eLearning Academy, NumismaTalks consist of hour-long presentations, 12-1pm MT, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. *Live webinars are free and recorded webinars are available online at [money.org/videos/numismatalks](http://money.org/videos/numismatalks).*

## **September 11**

### **"The Fabulous \$10 Million Saddleback Ridge Gold Coin Hoard"**

Presented by Robert "Bob" Bair

This presentation describes the February, 2013 discover of 1,427 buried gold coins in California, by a couple walking their dog through their wooded property. Containing (mostly \$20 Liberty) gold coins dated from 1847-1894, this "buried treasure" realized over \$9 million for its finders, and is the most valuable land-buried gold coin hoard ever found in the United States.





**September 25**

**"Medieval European Coinage; The Fall of the Western Roman Empire to the Rise of the Carolingian Empire**

Presented by Douglas Mudd

This talk is about the first half of the Middle Ages from the traditional date of the fall of Rome in 476 AD to the beginning of the Carolingian Empire during the 9th century AD.

[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, **September 18-25**.

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.

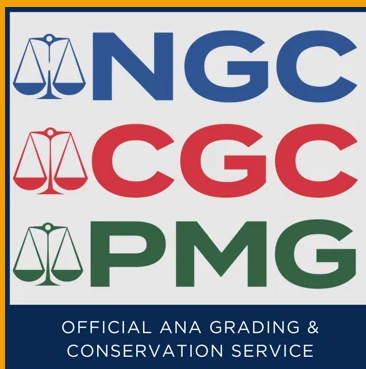
To redeem your free membership, email [yn@conecaonline.org](mailto:yn@conecaonline.org). Be sure to include your name, email address, ANA membership number, and mention the code CONECAYN#16 in the email body or subject line.

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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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