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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: 1964 Kennedy Half Dollar, Proof**

*No Reserve*



**Lot 2: 1959 500 Lire, Italy, KM-98, VF**

*No Reserve*



**Lot 3: 1976 1 Pound, Ireland, P-64, XF**

*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](#)

**Changes on the Horizon for YN Dollars**

Starting this June, YN Dollars will be tracked electronically at the ANA. If you have YN Dollars in your possession and would like to use them in future auctions, here's what you'll need to do:

1. Lay out, count, and take a picture of your YN Dollars (keep the picture in case your shipment gets lost in the mail).

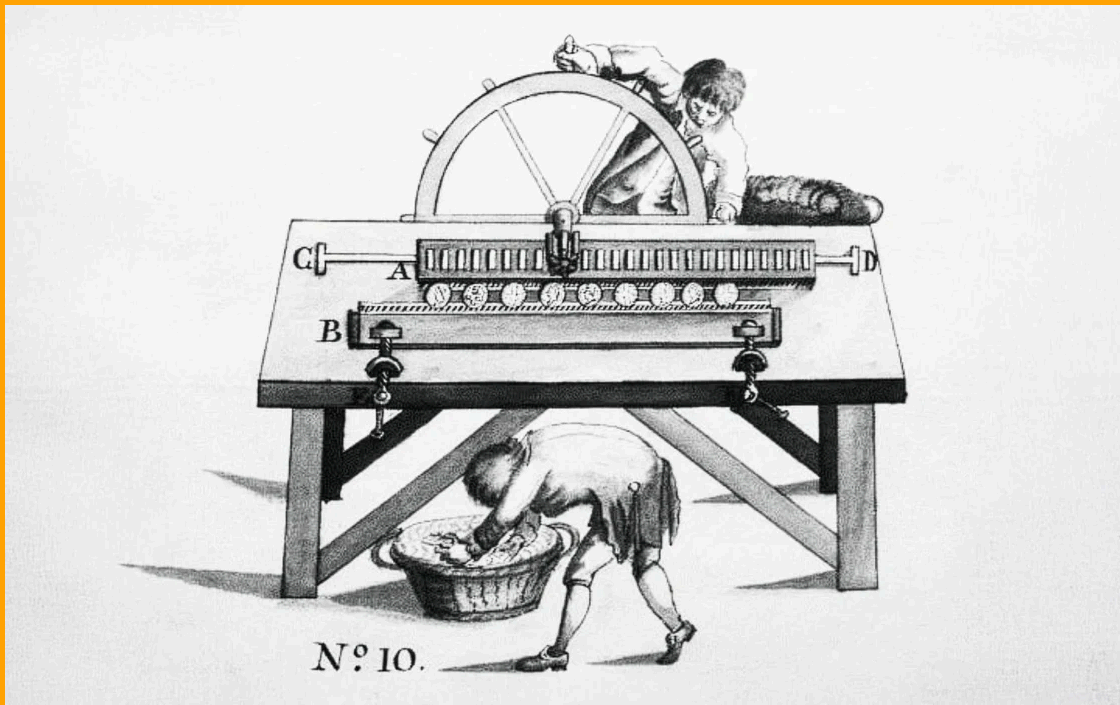
2. Mail your YN Dollars to the following address in one shipment:

YN Dollars  
818 N. Cascade Ave.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903



3. Keep submitting requests for YN Dollars through the Google Classroom form.

**YN Dollars must be received by June 1, 2026** to be counted. Physical YN Dollars will no longer be considered "legal" tender for YNs by June. For questions, email the ANA Education Department at [education@money.org](mailto:education@money.org).



## Marvel of Engineering, Part 1

Article from the [Reading Room](#)

The size of a single U.S. cent must be accurate within 0.08mm, the width of a strand of human hair, and its weight within 0.13g. This precision must be repeated billions of times a year. At full capacity, the U.S. Mint is capable of minting over 1,630 coins per second, allowing it to theoretically mint around 150 million coins per day!

[Continue Reading "Marvel of Engineering, Part 1"](#)

## Apply for Financial Aid From the ANA



The American Numismatic Association Gerome Walton Memorial College Scholarship fund annually provides up to two ANA-member high school seniors with \$1,000 each, to be used for tuition and fees at any U.S. university, community

college, or trade school. Students who are residents of the United States and have a cumulative grade-point average equal to or greater than 3.0 ("B" letter grade) are eligible to apply.

**Submissions must be postmarked no later than March 13.** Completed applications should be sent to:

ANA Education Department  
College Scholarship  
c/o Paula Knepper  
818 N. Cascade Ave.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**Apply for College Scholarship**

Recipients will be selected based on numismatic merit and accomplishment. To learn more, contact the Education Department at 719-482-9852, or email [pknepper@money.org](mailto:pknepper@money.org).

## Submit Your Numismatic Writing, Chance to Win Awards

Submissions for the ANA'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, participants must be ANA members. Submitted articles will focus on a numismatic topic of the author's choice.

For more information, visit [money.org/yn-literary-awards](https://money.org/yn-literary-awards). Send submissions to Sydney Stewart, [sstewart@money.org](mailto:sstewart@money.org) no later than April 1.

## 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 the author's name and award category in the file name.
- ◆ Submissions created using AI are not permitted. All submissions will be reviewed for AI-generated content.
- ◆ 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.

## Learn, Connect & Collect: Apply for a 2026 Summer Seminar Scholarship

The ANA is accepting scholarship applications for the 2026 Summer Seminar, the hobby's most exciting summer event of learning and camaraderie. Each summer, collectors from around the world gather in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for two unforgettable sessions filled with hands-on classes, new friendships, and a shared passion for numismatics.

Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2026.

Recipients will attend one of two week-long sessions, **June 20-25** or **June 27-July 2**. Scholarships are awarded based on need and merit and are open to both adults and young numismatists.

Full scholarships include tuition, room and board, and airfare. Partial scholarships cover tuition only.



Applications are available at [money.org/ana-summer-seminar-scholarships](https://money.org/ana-summer-seminar-scholarships). For additional information, contact the ANA Seminars Department at 719-482-9848 or email [seminars@money.org](mailto:seminars@money.org).

## 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 Savannah National Money Show®, February 26-28. 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, 2026.**



## Collecting Friends: Originality

Blog authors Dennis Tucker and Steven Roach explore how collectors value originality in coins and how such qualities affect both aesthetic appeal and personal appreciation.

[Continue Reading "Originality"](#)

## Attend NumismaTalks, *Monthly Webinar Series*

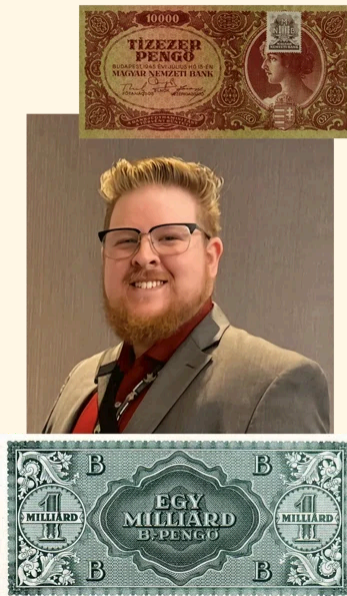
NumismaTalks, an ANA webinar series, will be presented by a rotating array of top industry experts. Part of the ANA eLearning Academy, NumismaTalks consist of hour-long presentations, 12-1pm MT, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. *Live webinars are free and recorded webinars are available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

### January 22

#### **"When Money Fails: Post WWII Hungarian Hyperinflation"**

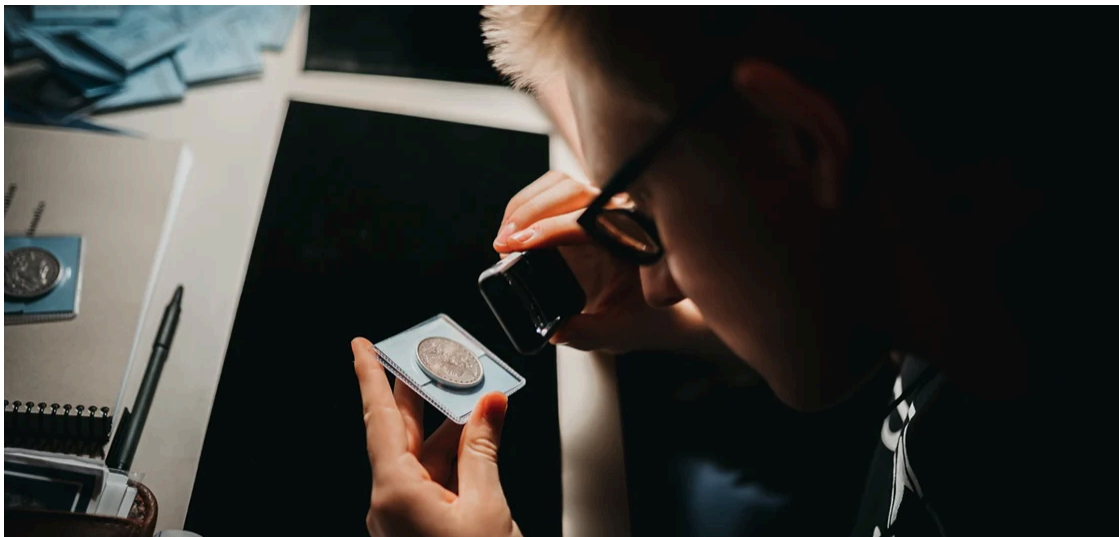
Presented by Alexander Blough

As the Allies celebrated the end of the Second World War, some countries, such as Hungary, continued to suffer. Hungary was not only conquered by the Soviet Red Army, but they were thrust into economic turmoil and hyperinflation. The Hungarian Hyperinflation from 1945-1947 generated the highest denominations in history at that time, and the efforts to curb it were fought with creative administrative tactics. In the 2nd



segment of the *When Money Fails* series, we will learn the economic and numismatic history that plagued Hungary.

[Register for NumismaTalks](#)



## ***From *The Young Numismatist*: Detecting Coin Counterfeiting***

*by Adhitri Sethuraghavan*

The *Young Numismatist* is the official publication of the [Young Numismatists of America](#).

Fellow collectors, I am going to tell you about an important topic: counterfeit (i.e. fake or forgery) coins. There are three distinct types of counterfeiting: altered coins, cast counterfeits, and die-struck counterfeits.

## "Striking Independence: 250 Years of American Numismatics" *Title Selected for 2026 National Coin Week*

This year, America celebrates 250 years of independence. This milestone invites us to reflect on the many ways money and freedom are connected. The ANA will offer educational and promotional materials for the week-long celebration (April 19-25, 2026) soon at [NationalCoinWeek.org](https://www.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](#)

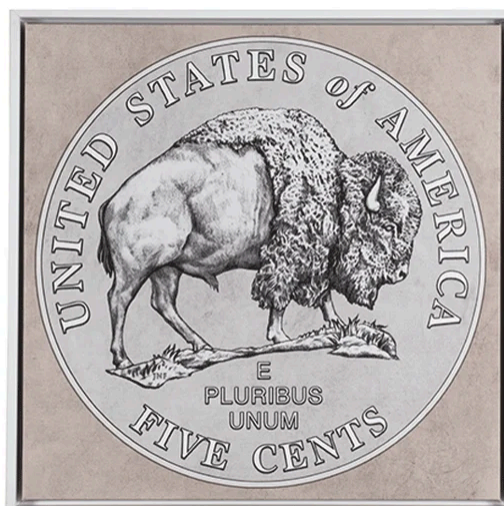
## Volunteer at Parks, Receive Numismatic Prizes

In honor of the United States' semiquincentennial celebration, the ANA is inviting K-12 students to celebrate history through hands-on service in a project titled *America 250: Connecting Coins with the Land(s) They Represent*.



The initiative encourages young collectors to volunteer in nation, state, and local parks, as well as community conservation efforts, in exchange for coins and other numismatic prizes. Through this experience, students make a meaningful impact while discovering how the designs and symbols on U.S. coins reflect the landscapes, wildlife, and historic places they help protect.

To learn more about the project and get involved with volunteering, visit [money.org/america250-project](https://money.org/america250-project). To qualify for prizes, parent permission and a pre-approval form for the volunteer work are required. For additional questions, contact ANA Education Director Christian Strayhorn at [cstrayhorn@money.org](mailto:cstrayhorn@money.org).



# Own a Piece of History from the Money Museum

Join the monthly ANA Money Museum Auction on eBay, **January 15-22**. This month's auction will feature special artwork by Jamie Franki - one canvas of the 2005 American Bison nickel, and one canvas of a 2025 Jefferson 1800 nickel.

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.



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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