

ANA NATIONAL MONEY SHOW BOURSE SOLD OUT; WAITING LIST AVAILABLE

The bourse floor at the American Numismatic Association (ANA) National Money Show is sold out, and dealers are being placed on a waiting list.

"We have sold all 210 bourse tables available at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City (Utah)," says Brenda Bishop, ANA convention services manager.

The show marks the first time the ANA has hosted a show in Salt Lake City in 14 years. More than 10,000 people attended the 1986 ANA spring convention there.

"We have seen a tremendous increase in attendance and activity at our National Money Shows in recent years, and we hope to see it continue in Salt Lake this year," Bishop says.

More than 6,100 visitors attended last year's ANA spring convention in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and nearly 10,000 attended the 1999 National Money Show in Sacramento, California.

"Not only will we have a great selection of numismatic dealers, but we also will present the finest numismatic educational programs, the Treasure Trivia Game for young numismatists and a wonderful array of exhibits," Bishop says.

Included in the exhibits will be two \$100,000 bank notes from the ANA Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Printed in 1934 by the United States Treasury Department and intended only for transfers between banks, the \$100,000 bills are the highest-denomination paper money ever issued by the United States. Of the 42,000 notes printed, none were placed into general circulation, and only a handful are known to exist today.

As a special feature, the \$20 million "Ship of Gold" will make its first appearance in Salt Lake City. Developed and promoted by the California Gold Marketing Group, the Ship of Gold features historic California Gold Rush coins and gold bars recovered from the 1857 shipwreck of the S.S. Central America. The free exhibit, which features a nearly 80-pound (933 ounces) bar of gold, has made only a half dozen appearances around the country, including a stop at this year's ANA World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia, which attracted more than 20,000 people in five days.

To encourage people to look closely at their pocket change, the ANA will purposely place three 1914-D Lincoln cents, worth \$100 each, into circulation in the Salt Lake City area. Anyone finding one of the coins can either keep it to start or add to their collection, or bring it to the show, where they will receive a finder's reward equal to collector value.

The National Money Show at the Salt Palace Convention Center, will be open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 8-10, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For additional information on the National Money Show in Salt Lake City, Utah, call the ANA Convention Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; telephone 719/632-2646; fax 719/634-4085; E-mail anacvn@money.org; or visit the ANA's web site at www.money.org.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 28,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or go to www.money.org.