

NATIONAL COIN WEEK PROMOTERS CAN WIN ANA SUMMER SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) is offering two full scholarships to an ANA Summer Seminar at the Association's headquarters for the best promotions of the 79th observance of the National Coin Week, April 21-27, 2002.

This year's National Coin Week theme is "Faces of Time," focusing on the people whose portraits have graced coins through the ages, according to ANA Education Director Gail Baker.

"During National Coin Week 2002, the ANA wants people to pay attention to their money and the faces looking back at them," Baker says. "With the United States Mint issuing fresh 50 State quarter designs every 10 weeks, people everywhere are thinking about the images on our money. Even members of Congress have expressed enthusiasm, asking numismatic hobby leaders for ideas, and officials at the United States Mint are looking into coinage redesign.

"But going far beyond an old item's collector value," Baker adds, "holding a coin from 50, 100 or even 1,000 years ago can begin an exciting journey of discovery into the honor, recognition, politics and power behind the face that appears on the small piece of round metal."

The Association is encouraging its members to join in the National Coin Week celebration by offering two full scholarships - including airfare, tuition, meals and lodging - to a future ANA Summer Seminar held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Two one-week seminars are conducted each summer with more than 30 classes and more than 10 mini-seminars on a wide variety of fascinating areas, including United States coin grading; the numismatics of biblical, Roman, Byzantine and American Revolutionary periods; Asian, English and Mexican coinage; U.S. and world paper money; and counterfeit detection.

Some activities collectors can do during National Coin Week are:

Design a web page exhibiting the faces on coins of yesterday and today.

Present a talk on the people behind the portrait on a coin - the person who is portrayed and the artist who created the image.

Visit the United States Mint Web site - www.usmint.gov - to see the faces that appear and will appear on circulating, commemorative and bullion coins.

Mount a National Coin Week exhibit at a library, bank or school.

The ANA will present a special exhibit award for the best National Coin Week display mounted at the Association's National Money Show, in Jacksonville, Florida, March 7-9, 2002. Exhibits will be judged on their educational content. (Exhibit application deadline is February 11, 2002. Complete rules for exhibiting are on the ANA web site at

www.money.org/exhibitrules2002jac.html.) The winner of the exhibit award will receive a scholarship to an ANA Summer Seminar.

The other full scholarship will be given to the collector or coin club who submits a report of the best and most innovative way in which they promoted National Coin Week and the theme "Faces of Time." (Entries for National Coin Week 2002 awards must be received by the ANA on or before May 31, 2002. Winners will be notified by June 30, 2002, and awards will be presented at the ANA World's Fair of Money[®] in New York City, July 31-August 4.)

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