

Jacksonville's Beaches and Warm Breezes Await Collectors

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) has the ideal solution for the winter doldrums: three days in balmy Jacksonville, Florida, at the ANA's National Money Show, March 7-9, 2002.

Situated in the northeast corner of the state on the St. Johns River, Jacksonville is minutes from the Atlantic Ocean. The city offers something for everyone: an ideal climate, plenty of outdoor activities, a blossoming arts community and an energetic nightlife. Fine restaurants and micro-breweries are plentiful, and cultural diversions abound, including the Jacksonville Museum of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Science and History, and Jacksonville Zoological Gardens.

If taking in the local sights or relaxing on the beach is not enough to warm you up, the numismatic activity at the Prime Osborn Center surely will. The ANA has a 220-table bourse where the nation's best and brightest dealers will be joined by the Austrian, Royal Canadian and United States Mints. The Austrian Mint will showcase the new euro coinage and the United States Mint is scheduled to host a public forum covering a variety of topics including circulating coin redesign.

The ANA's first two hotels offering special rates to those attending the convention - Omni Jacksonville Hotel and Radisson Riverwalk - already are booked. To accommodate those wishing to attend the ANA National Money Show, the Association has been obtained space at the Hilton Jacksonville Riverfront. (To make reservations, contact the hotel directly at 904/398-8800.)

The ANA has arranged three special tours for convention-goers. On Friday, March 8, you can visit the local branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, where you will enjoy a complete tour of the facility, including its currency and check-processing departments. The free walking tour departs from the Prime Osborn Center at 9:30 a.m.

Later that day, you can take a leisurely stroll through the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, followed by a brief stop at Peterbrooke Chocolatiers, a Jacksonville institution. The tour, priced at \$22 (\$25 after the February 6 pre-registration deadline), is scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m.

If you choose to linger after the show, be sure to sign up for the day trip to St. Augustine on Sunday, March 10. The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a light breakfast and a narrated, scenic cruise on the St. Johns River aboard the Victory III. When you arrive in the historic city, you will be free to sight-see, shop and have lunch on your own. Buses depart for return to hotels at 12:45 p.m. The excursion is priced at \$37 (\$40 after February 6).

During the show, the ANA again is offering its popular Treasure Trivia game, where young collectors, age 4-16, use a map to search the bourse floor for answers to a series of questions and receive a number of numismatic prizes, including a Buffalo nickel and Indian Head cent, and register to win a Mexican Pillar silver dollar.

The ANA is looking forward to hosting another great series of free Numismatic Theatre presentations covering a wide variety of interesting and current topics. As part of its educational programming, the ANA also is offering its three-day U.S. Coin Grading Seminar, March 4-6, at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel. Expert graders from Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC), the ANA's official grading service, will serve as instructors at the hands-on course. (Cost for the seminar is \$325. For more information or to sign up for the class, contact the ANA Education Department at 719/632-2646 or E-mail education@money.org.)

For more information about the 2002 National Money Show, contact the ANA Convention Department at 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; telephone 719/632-2646; fax 719/634-4085; E-mail convention@money.org; or visit the ANA web site at www.money.org.

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