

World-Class Collection of U.S. Paper Money to Premiere at ANA Show in Baltimore

One of the most extensive private collections of United States paper money, featuring extremely rare and unique pieces, will be on exhibit for the first time at the American Numismatic Association (ANA) World's Fair of MoneySM in Baltimore, July 30-August 3.

"Paper money has the unique distinction in the hobby of numismatics of having chronological, sequential, separately embossed serial numbers that give an additional dimension to the quest of collecting currency," says exhibitor John Whitney. "This 43-case exhibit contains 1,395 pieces of currency that provide a broad sampling of 'type' notes, which are reasonably collectable; and each main category of federal currency, including Demand Notes, Silver Certificates, United States or Legal Tender Notes, Treasury or Coin Notes, Federal Reserve Notes, Federal Reserve National Currency Notes, Compound and Interest Bearing Notes, and National Bank Notes.

"The exhibit also includes a broad sampling of fancy serial number notes, displaying the many ways of collecting common, low- denomination, Federal Reserve Notes," Whitney adds.

Whitney's "show stoppers" include samples of large-size Legal Tender Notes from the 1869 series with "rainbow ink" in \$1 to \$50 denominations, and notes from the 1875 series in \$1 to \$20 denominations that bear the serial number "A-1."

The exhibit also will feature early large-size Silver Certificates in \$1 to \$100 denominations from the 1880 to 1891 series, "Educational" notes from the 1896 series, and four cases of error notes, including double denominations from 1914, '18, '28, '34 and '50 series notes. The only known example of the \$500 Treasury Note from the 1891 series will be included.

ANA President John Wilson, who also is a paper money collector, says, "I have never seen anything like what will be on display in Baltimore. I think John Whitney's exhibit, along with the display of four of the five known 1913 Liberty Head nickels and the auction of an 1804 Bust dollar will make this a never-to-be-equaled ANA convention."

Ninety years after their suspicious creation and six decades since anyone saw the 1913 Liberty head nickels together, these numismatic treasures will make a historic, once-in-a-lifetime appearance at the ANA's five-day convention in Baltimore.

For the first time in the history of the Association, an 1804 Draped Bust silver dollar--known as the "King of American Coins" and one of 15 known specimens--has been consigned to the ANA's official public auction to be conducted by Bowers and Merena Galleries of Mandeville, Louisiana.

For more information about the ANA World's Fair of Money in Baltimore, July 30-August 3, contact the ANA Convention Department at 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO

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