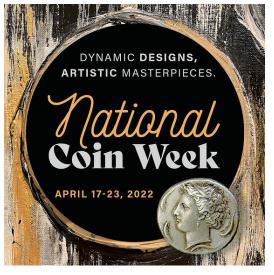
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## ANA Money Museum Celebrates National Coin Week with Free Admission and Family Activities

Look closely at the change in your pocket or purse. You might have coins worth more than face value and certainly will find miniature works of art on every piece of money, according to the **American Numismatic Association** (ANA) which celebrates **National Coin Week**, April 17-23, 2022. Established in 1924, the theme of this year's National Coin Week is "Dynamic Designs, Artistic Masterpieces."



From April 19-23, the ANA <u>Money Museum</u> in Colorado Springs will celebrate National Coin Week with a range of activities, including an <u>open house</u> with special events on Saturday, April 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to the Money Museum is **free** for all visitors, April 19-23. Any children 17 and under can answer questions for the chance to win prizes.

"Money is history you can hold in your hands. Every coin or piece of paper money in your pocket, wallet, or purse has a story to tell about people, places, and events," said Dr. Ralph Ross, president

of the Congressionally-chartered ANA.

Located at 818 N. Cascade Avenue next door to the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, the Money Museum open house event on Saturday, April 23 will feature activities that include:

- Mini-Mint demonstrations throughout the day. Guests can receive a freshly-minted National Coin Week medalette.
- The "Plinko" prize drop, where every child can drop a plinko chip to win a prize.

- A raffle drawing to win 30 seconds in the Cash Tornado, where the winner gets to keep all the cash they can grab.
- Numismatic trivia questions for a chance to win a silver coin.
- Collectible change including Wheat cent pennies, Buffalo nickels, Liberty Head nickels and wartime nickels – will be given as change at the gift shop with a cash purchase.

"While you may not find a fortune in your pocket change, we want people to realize the historical, cultural, artistic and economic importance of all money as well as the enjoyment of coin and paper money collecting," said National Coin Week coordinator Andy Dickes. "Over the centuries, the designs, denominations and metallic content of coins can tell us a great deal about civilizations, past and present, such as famous and not-so-famous political and historical figures, important events, and landmarks."

New dynamic designs and artistic masterpieces on coins continue today. All quarter-dollars issued for circulation in 2022 have a new image of President George Washington.

The "new" portrait of Washington on the obverse ("heads" side) was created 90 years ago by acclaimed sculptor Laura Gardin Fraser as a proposed design to commemorate Washington's 200th birthday in 1932. It is now being used as part of the United States Mint's four-year American Women Quarters Program that will honor 20 different

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women with special designs on the reverse ("tails" side) of quarters issued through 2025.

The ANA is providing complimentary <u>online educational programs</u> as well as hobby-related games and guizzes for the chance to win prizes during National Coin Week.

Between April 17 and 23, new members can join the ANA at special discount rates of \$13 for an online-only membership and \$31 to receive the print edition of the Association's award-winning monthly magazine, *The Numismatist*. Everyone joining or renewing their membership at the special discount rates that week will also receive a complimentary copy and informative book, *Collecting Rare Coins for Pleasure and Profit*.

For additional information, visit www.NationalCoinWeek.org.

The Money Museum is operated by the nonprofit American Numismatic Association, which is dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast

array of educational programs including its museum, library, publications, conventions and webinars. For more information, call (719) 632-2646 or visit **money.org**.