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CONVENTION

Texas Hospitality in Irving

The ANA's event in the Lone Star State was a crowd-pleaser.

➤ The American Numismatic Association's 2018 National Money Show® welcomed more than 2,600 people to the three-day event, held March 8-10 at the Irving

Convention Center in Irving, Texas. "By all measures, the ANA's convention in Irving was a success," says ANA President Gary Adkins. "As I toured the bourse floor toward the end of the show, I thanked dealers for at-

tending. Almost all said they were quite pleased with the venue, the turnout and business." Adkins also notes that dealers especially appreciated the bags of snacks, as well as the morning coffee and light breakfast, the ANA provided to them.

The event featured more than 160 dealers buying and selling coins, currency and related items. A wide range of technical seminars and educational presentations led by notable speakers were offered, as were exhibits of priceless

SHOW STATISTICS

■ 2,671 attendees: 348 ANA members, 1,755 general public and 76 staff and volunteers.

■ 180 tables, representing 166 companies and 492 dealers and their assistants.

■ 114 youngsters successfully completed the ANA's Treasure Trivia game.



Night and Day:
The Irving Convention Center



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▲ More than 160 companies presented their wares at the ANA show.

rarities from the ANA's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs.

ANA Executive Director Kimberly Kiick notes, "The host committee and clubs were among the hardest-working and most efficient ever. This show was a success thanks in great part to their efforts." Conventions Director Jennifer Ackerman adds that attendance was comparable to that for the 2012 and 2016 National Money Shows in Dallas, but the Irving event saw an increase in turnout by local collectors.



In the ANA Area on the bourse floor, the Money Museum featured spectacular examples of coins and paper money, along with other historically significant numismatic treasures. On display were its 1913 Liberty Head nickel, one of a mere five struck, and an 1804 silver dollar—the "King of Coins"—of which only a mere fifteen are known.

Also featured was a 1792 half dime, created at the request of President George Washington and the first coin type produced by the U.S. Mint. Visitors viewed a selection of spectacular printing errors in the ANA's signature Bebee Collection of U.S. Paper Money, among them specimens showing double denominations, improper alignment, inverted backs, seal overprints, and misaligned or missing serial numbers.

A highlight of the exhibit was an 1877 copper \$50 *half union* pattern. The large-denomination coin was meant to facilitate trade in California, since the state had no paper currency in circulation. California Senator William Gwin introduced a modified proposal for a \$100 piece (or *union*) to Congress, where it passed in the Senate but was defeated in the House in late 1854. The idea was shelved for 23 years until

Behind the Scenes

Irving Committee Chairs

Carl Stang *Host Chair*

Debbie Williams *Assistant Host Chair*

Frank Hezmall *Ambassadors*

Gary & Judy Dobbins *Collector Exhibits*

Alan Scott & Ed Lasko *Money Talks*

Jack Gilbert & Cheryl Rybka *Pages*

ANA Convention Staff

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Kurt Bellman

Joseph Boling

Helen Dansky

Sandy Hill

Paul Hybert

Mark Lighterman

Sanford Pearl

Jeff Rosinia

Greg Ruby

John Wilson

Nancy Wilson

Mint Director Henry Linderman had half union patterns made in gold and copper, apparently as part of his proposal in the mint's 1877 Annual Report to put the United States on the gold standard. The coin featured in this display was a copper Large Head variety (Judd 1547), part of the Harry W. Bass, Jr. Collection on loan to the ANA Money Museum in Colorado.



▲ Abraham Lincoln (aka Steve Acre), spent days interacting with visitors, courtesy of the Albuquerque Coin Club.



▲ The ANA Board met in open and closed sessions during the convention: (front row, from left) Governor John Highfill, Governor Paul Montgomery, and Vice President Don Kagin; (back row, from left) Parliamentarian Mark Lighterman, Governor Tom Uram, Governor Greg Lyon, President Gary Adkins, Governor Steve Ellsworth, Secretary Sanford Pearl and Governor Ralph Ross.



▲ During the opening ceremony, ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick welcomed members and guests to the show.

Last, but not least, a case containing a 2018 World War I Centennial commemorative dollar described the coin's journey, including some of the key players involved in its creation and design. The new issue recognizes America's involvement in the war and honors the more than 4 million American men and women who served.

In its role as official auctioneer for the 2018 National Money Show, Kagin's of Tiburon, California, conducted a three-session sale showcasing

a variety of interesting and important numismatic properties, from colonials through pioneer gold, tokens, medals and patterns, as well as three of the finest and most comprehensive collections of Federal Reserve Bank notes, Federal Reserve notes and encased postage stamps. Notable prices realized (with 20-percent buyer's premium) included:

- \$252,000 for a 1737 Higley copper, graded PCGS Very Fine-35. One of four known.
- \$40,800 for an 1872 copper Amazonian pattern half dollar, graded NGC Proof-67 Red Brown.
- \$138,000 for a 10.07-ounce gold ingot produced by the San Francisco assay firm of Harris, Marchand & Company in 1857. Recovered from the wreck of the SS *Central America*.
- \$31,200 for a 1918 \$50 Federal Reserve Bank note from St. Louis, Missouri, certified PMG Extremely Fine-45. (Read more about the Association's official National Money Show auction on p. 83.)

During the show's opening ceremonies



▲ ANA Numismatic Educator Sam Gelberd explained to a young visitor how to play the Treasure Trivia game, which challenges kids to explore the bourse floor for answers to hobby questions.



▲ President Adkins (left) recognized the efforts of Host Chair Carl Stang with presentation of the Goodfellow Award.

on Thursday, March 8, ANA President Gary Adkins bestowed Presidential Awards on Dr. James Ferrendelli and Kenny Duncan Sr. A Houston neurologist specializing in epilepsy, Ferrendelli, 82, is an ANA life member and collects U.S. and ancient coins. Duncan, 60, also a life member, is a dedicated ANA supporter and membership recruiter. He is the founder of

▼ Dealer, author and medieval coin expert Allen Berman (standing) chatted with collector Michael Carolan.



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▲ In recognition of the essential support provided by local hobby organizations, ANA President Gary Adkins presented the Louis S. Werner Host Club Award to Jim Jeska (left), treasurer of the NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club, and Richard Laster (right), president of the Texas Numismatic Association.

tions—NorthEast Tarrant Coin Club and the Texas Numismatic Association—with presentation of the Lewis S. Werner Host Club Award. Five other organizations offered valuable assistance and manpower: the Dallas Coin Club, Mid Cities Coin Club, Fort Worth Coin Club, Collin County Coin Club and the Oklahoma Numismatic Association. (Video coverage of the opening ceremonies and other show highlights can be viewed at nationalmoneyshow.com.)

During the convention, the ANA presented its first “Award for Philanthropy” to the Ben E. Keith Company, headquartered in Ft. Worth, and the Harry W. Bass, Jr. Foundation, based in Dallas. Says President Adkins, “The ANA is very proud of and grateful for its continuing relationship with these forward-thinking and highly responsible organizations.” (To learn more about the award and its recipients, see p. 88.)

Consummate collector and seasoned



▲ Member Michael Shutterly viewed his first-place display (Class 1, “History & Politics”) in the Collector Exhibits area. His efforts earned him the first-place Steven J. D’Ippolito Award for Excellence in Numismatic Exhibiting.

U.S. Coins, Inc., a Houston firm established in 1985.

In recognition of his service, President Adkins bestowed the Goodfellow Award upon National Money Show Host Chair Carl Stang. Adkins also recognized the two host organiza-

▼ Checking out the offerings of dealer John Kraljevich (standing, left) were (back to front) ANA National Coordinator Richard Jozefiak, fellow dealer Bob Campbell and ANA Museum Curator Douglas Mudd.





▲ Hobbyists examined coins at a table manned by Dave Knighten, owner of Salt City Coin in Hutchinson, Kansas.



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▲ ANA Governor Ralph Ross was delighted to visit with his niece, Reeshemah Howard, and her sons Hills (left) and Hayden. Both boys received awards for exhibiting at the show.



▲ Tyler Tyson, a member of The Elongated Collectors (TEC), produced flattened-coin souvenirs at the organization's table.

professional numismatist Mark Borckardt was the guest of honor at the ANA Legacy Series on Thursday evening, March 8. Moderated by Barbara Gregory, editor-in-chief of *The Numismatist*, the one-on-one interview gave attendees insights into his motivations, hobby passions and defining moments.

When he was a teenager in Findlay, Ohio, in the early 1970s, Borckardt and his father began attending coin shows as vest-pocket dealers, operating under the name Fort Findlay Coins and later Collector's Cabinet. In 1983

the two set up a brick-and-mortar shop in Findlay, which they operated until 1989, when fire destroyed the retail center where the store was located. Not long after, Mark joined the staff of Bowers and Merena Galleries in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, where he was employed for 14 years. Today, he is senior numismatist and cataloger for Heritage Auctions in Dallas. At the conclusion of the program, ANA President Gary Adkins presented Borckardt a Presidential Award for his accomplishments and service to the American Numismatic Association.

Two in-depth seminars were conducted before the show opened: "Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins," instructed by ANA Education Director Rod Gillis, and "Grading U.S. Paper Money," conducted by expert Glen Jorde. A dozen free "Money Talks" presentations were offered, highlighting extraordinary people, numismatic treasures and hobby tips. "Strategies to Dispose of Your Collection," conducted by Gillis, drew a standing-room-only crowd, and attendees received a free copy of the just-released ANA guide, *Managing & Settling a Numismatic Estate*. (The 40-page booklet is available to ANA members

for \$6.95 postpaid by phoning toll-free 800-514-2646.)

The ANA showed its appreciation to Doug Davis, founder and president of the Numismatic Crime Information Center (NCIC), by presenting him a \$500 check to support his valuable efforts. At the show, Davis conducted a law-enforcement seminar, which was

attended by 32 federal, state and local investigators from across Texas.

Two non-competitive and 23 competitive displays were mounted in the Collector Exhibits area. Hobbyists competed in six classes: history and politics; economics; geography; common elements; the arts; and science. The recipient of the Steven J. D'Ippolito Award for Excellence in Numismatic Exhibiting (i.e., best of show) was Michael Shutterly for his display "Remember the Ladies," which fo-

cused on the nine empresses of ancient Rome's Severan Dynasty and their coinage. (See p. 87 for a list of all exhibit winners.)

The next ANA convention is the 2018 World's Fair of Money®, to be held August 14-18 at Philadelphia's Pennsylvania Convention Center. To learn more, go to worldsfairofmoney.com.



▲ Newly appointed Conventions Director Jennifer Ackerman managed the show with skill and good humor.