

## **Money Museum presents new exhibit: 'Treasures of the Deep'**

ANA members and the public are invited to free open house on Thursday, June 5

COLORADO SPRINGS - The Edward C. Rochette Money Museum will present a new exhibit, "Treasures of the Deep: Galleons, Storms and Archeology," telling the story of the world's greatest shipwrecks, the treasures they carried and the efforts to preserve the shipwreck sites. The exhibit opens on June 5 with a free Open House.

"This exhibit focuses not only on the romance of sunken treasure, but also on the exciting process of rediscovering and recovering treasure from the ocean floor," said Douglas Mudd, curator for the Money Museum. "A big part of the story is the science involved in rediscovering these wrecks, which are time capsules that preserve the history of seafaring."

The lure of gold and silver discovered in North America drew settlers from Europe to explore and colonize the New World, changing the economic and political world map in the process. Spain used the bullion discovered to craft ingots and coinage in the form of silver reales and gold escudos. These coins would dominate the world economy for centuries and become legendary for their rich history as pirate gold and lost treasure.

The exhibit will explore adventures on the world's oceans along with artifacts and treasure found in underwater wrecks from the 16th century to the modern day. The history of underwater recovery and archaeology will be highlighted with the help of Odyssey Marine Exploration, one of the largest and most successful underwater recovery organizations. The exhibit highlights the research and technology used to locate long-lost ships and preserve historical artifacts.

See "Treasures of the Deep" during a free opening reception from 5-7 p.m. June 5 at the Money Museum, 818 N. Cascade Ave., in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Visitors can take home a special "Treasures of the Deep" medallion. Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The exhibit is sponsored in part by Daniel Frank Sedwick, LLC, an auctioneer and specialist in shipwreck coins.

The Money Museum hours are 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, students or military and free for children 12 and under. For more

information or to schedule a tour, call 719-632-2646.

For high-resolution images of items featured in "Treasures of the Deep," please email [pr@money.org](mailto:pr@money.org).

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