

JUNE ISSUE OF *The NUMISMATIST* FEATURES ANA CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES AND PLATFORMS

Biographies and platforms of the candidates for the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Board of Governors are included in the June issue of the ANA's monthly journal, *The Numismatist*.

Ballots will be mailed by the ANA's auditing firm, Grant Thornton LLP, by May 31. Completed ballots must be received by the Association's auditors no later than July 19, 2001.

Fifteen nominees are seeking various positions on the board, with two candidates vying to be the next president and two running for vice president. The remaining 11 candidates are campaigning for the seven governor's seats. The candidates are from all over the United States and have long histories with numismatics.

The cover story in the June issue of *The Numismatist* examines the gold collection of the late Harry W. Bass Jr. In the article by Assistant Editor Cathy L. Clark titled "Jewels of the Bass Collection," experts preview the extraordinary exhibit of the incomparable Bass Collection, which will be unveiled at the ANA Money Museum on July 14, when the Association's Museum re-opens following a complete renovation.

The June issue of *The Numismatist* also features the first of a three-part story about inflation and standards of living today compared with those of the past. In this article, Dr. Peter D. Jones also gives a brief history of the evolution of money. He describes how the bartering process was replaced gradually by monetary exchange. Part I covers the transformation of coins from the time of King Croesus of Lydia (6th century B.C.) to the 17th century. Political, cultural, religious and social factors are discussed as well as how they have affected the world economy over time.

The third feature article in the June issue of *The Numismatist* looks at a silver 8-real coin minted in 1821 in Guadalajara, Mexico. Georg H. Färster tells of how he encountered one of the rare coins more than 40 years ago, and relates the story behind the hole and six pointed star on it.

The June issue of *The Numismatist* also includes "First Strike," a supplement for emerging collectors. The special, semiannual section features an article by Senior Editor Marilyn Reback, about Orville and Wilbur Wright, and their first flight depicted on the North Carolina quarter released on March 12 of this year. "First Strike" also contains an article on Civil War tokens, and a story of the art of Adolph A. Weinman, who designed the Walking Liberty half dollar and Mercury dime.

The Numismatist, now in its 114th year of publication, is mailed each month to ANA members. For more information about the ANA and *The Numismatist*, contact the American Numismatic Association, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; telephone

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