

JULY 14 A DATE TO CELEBRATE

The American Numismatic Association's (ANA) newly renovated Money Museum and Library are set to preview on Saturday, July 14.

To celebrate completion of the first phase of this tremendous project, the ANA is hosting an enormous, day-long celebration. The festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with an opening ceremony in the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Sculpture Garden, adjoining ANA headquarters. Guests and neighbors will then proceed to the front of the ANA headquarters building for a ribbon-cutting. After the ribbon is cut to the newly designed entry, guests will tour the renovated rooms in the Library and Money Museum.

Visitors will walk through gold plated, treasury sealed gate to a numismatist's heaven. Behind this gate, the extraordinary Harry W. Bass Jr. Collection awaits its first viewing. The exhibit "Proud Spirits: American Indians and Bison in Numismatics" will also be featured in the main gallery during the preview tour.

Following the Museum and Library opening, "A Taste of the West" reception will allow guests to sample real buffalo meat, donated by the National Bison Association specifically for the event. And finally, that evening a Black Tie optional dinner will be held at the illustrious Garden of the Gods Country Club. Donors pledging \$5,000 or more will receive two free tickets to the dinner, along with free drink tickets. Other guests purchasing tickets to the dinner for \$100 each will have full use of the cash bar. All proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the "Target 2001" building renovation fund.

The dinner will present Director of the U.S. Mint, Jay W. Johnson as master of ceremonies, an invocation by past ANA President Q. David Bowers and a presentation by Ms. Doris Bass on the Harry W. Bass Jr. Exhibit. Executive Director Edward C. Rochette will speak on behalf of the ANA about the Money Museum and Library project and ANA President H. Robert Campbell will give closing remarks. Donors will be introduced and honored for their generosity. This extensive celebration has been long anticipated and is sure to be an important date in the history of the ANA.

For more information about the dinner or the preview of the newly renovated building, contact the American Numismatic Association, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; telephone 719/632-2646; fax 719/634-4085; E-mail rochette@money.org.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 28,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or go to www.money.org.