

Family Event Days Planned For ANA Show in Charlotte

Special family events are planned for the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) National Money ShowSM in Charlotte, North Carolina, March 21-23.

"To help families learn more about numismatics and the show, the ANA is launching an informative program for beginners," says Gail Baker, ANA director of education. "In addition, Edward C. Rochette, executive director emeritus, will provide a tour of the many exhibits on display at the convention. As always, the ANA will have its Treasure Trivia game, and a Boy and Girl Scout collecting badge clinic. All programs are free and open to everyone attending the show."

The 90-minute "Coin Collecting Basics" program will introduce people to different aspects of coin collecting, from the 50 State quarters, U.S. and other coin series to ancient and world coins, topical collecting and paper money. Participants will receive packets with "tools" to help them get started at the convention and then will join Rochette's tour of the exhibit area.

ANA Museum Collections Manager Christopher Connell and Research Librarian Jane Colvard will lead the program with assistance from local club representatives. This program is set for 10-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23.

Rochette, who has served the ANA for nearly 40 years and is one of the hobby's favorite storytellers, will lead tours of the exhibit area at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 23.

Members of the local organizing committee are working with area Boy and Girl Scout organizations to encourage participation in a two-hour collecting badge clinic, which is set to begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22.

Throughout the three-day show, the ANA will offer its Treasure Trivia family game, in which school-age children scour the bourse floor seeking answers to the questions provided by the Association's Education Department while collecting scarce coins and other numismatic items. Participants become eligible to enter a free drawing for a variety of collector coins, including the top prize of a silver Spanish milled dollar, also known as a "piece of eight."

Also at the show, the United States Mint will have representatives from its H.I.P. Pocket Change (History In Your Pocket) web site program (www.usmint.gov/kids). It showcases the connection between America's coins and its people. Designed for students and teachers, the Internet site offers games, stories and other activities that bring to life both the extraordinary individuals who appear on U.S. coins and the generations of people who have used our pocket change.

For additional information on the National Money Show in Charlotte, North Carolina, call the ANA Convention Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279;

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