

"THIS JUST IN...." NEWS-MISMATICS: ANA TO DISPLAY THREE HEADLINE-MAKING COINS AT PORTLAND SHOW

(Colorado Springs, CO) -- Three coins prominently featured in recent news stories will be exhibited at the American Numismatic Association's National Money Show, in Portland, Oregon, March 26 - 28. The show is free and open to the public.

In what may be an unprecedented public convergence of so many coins involved in separate, national news stories, the recently recovered du Pont specimen 1866 No Motto Seated Liberty silver dollar, the Neil/Carter 1794 Flowing Hair silver dollar and the Walton 1913 Liberty Head nickel will be displayed in the convention's exhibit area.

"This also will be the first-ever exhibit of any of these individual coins in the Pacific Northwest," said ANA Executive Director Christopher Cipoletti. "Someone suggested we call it 'news-mismatics' because all these famous coins have been the subject of major stories recently."

The du Pont coin, stolen in a 1967 Florida robbery, was featured in daily newspapers and nightly television newscasts after its recovery was announced in early March. The coin now is on loan with the ANA Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and will be exhibited by the association in Portland just weeks after its recovery and subsequent authentication by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC).

The unique Neil/Carter dollar, which some researchers believe may be the first silver dollar struck by the United States, first came back into the spotlight last March when it was certified by NGC as the only known 1794 dollar with a silver plug.

The Walton nickel, "missing" for 41 years, generated international headlines when a \$1 million reward was offered for it last May. More news stories followed when the coin later was authenticated at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Baltimore last summer as the relocated fifth known 1913 Liberty Head nickel.

"The Portland ANA convention will give collectors a wonderful opportunity to personally see the actual coins they've been reading about in numismatic publications as well as their daily newspapers and seeing on television," said Cipoletti.

In addition to those three headline-making coins, the ANA also will display the Bebee specimen 1913 Liberty Head nickel and a portion of the ANA Money Museum's current exhibition, "¡Viva la Revolución!: The Money of the Mexican Revolution," as part of the association's numismatic education program. There also will be dozens of competitive numismatic exhibits presented by collectors from across the country.

The show will be held in Hall C of the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Portland. Public bourse hours will be Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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.