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"A Penny Saved is History Learned" during National Coin Week at the Money Museum

The American Numismatic Association Money Museum will celebrate the world of money and the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth during the 83rd annual National Coin Week, April 16-22.

"During the annual National Coin Week, collectors around the country share their passion for the culture, art, science and history of money with special displays, presentations and related programs," said ANA Librarian, Nancy Green.

Current Money Museum exhibits include:

- "Benjamin Franklin: A Man for All Times," a look at Franklin's influence on numismatics from his invention of anti-counterfeiting techniques to his appearance on a new French coin
- A rare nickel, found in a bedroom closet, that's worth millions of dollars
- The world's finest collection of United States gold coins, valued at more than \$20 million
- "Money of the World Today," an exhibit that features money from all 192 countries in the world
- "Oops!: Mistakes on Money," an exhibit of minting and printing blunders that has everyone seeing double
- A Brasher Doubloon, the first gold coin struck for circulation in the U.S.
- Two 1804 dollars, struck in the 1830s and valued at about \$4 million each

The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays; admission is free. For more information or to arrange a guided tour, call 482-9834.

The American Numismatic Association is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 33,000 members, the Association serves the academic community, collectors and the general public with an interest in numismatics. The ANA helps all people discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars.

For more information about the ANA, call 719.632.2646 or visit <u>www.MONEY.org</u>.