

Grand Prize Winner Announced for ANA National Coin Week Club Event

Sam Itzin from Tucson, Arizona, is the grand prize winner in the American Numismatic Association's 2007 National Coin Week club event. Itzin won a First Spouse \$10 gold coin, valued at more than \$400 and generously provided by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC).

On April 15, 60 ANA clubs across the country spend quarters marked with special National Coin Week stickers. The stickers directed people to the ANA's website, where contact information about participating clubs could be found. People who recovered marked quarters responded, resulting in over 30 local prize winners and many more entrants in the grand prize drawing held on May 13.

"I'm thrilled to win this prize, and I think it's a great promotional idea," said Itzin. "I manage a coffee shop, and found the marked coin in my tip jar. I've always been a casual coin collector, but I never knew about the Tucson Coin Club until now!"

Additional winners from the grand prize drawing include Tracie Thomas of Gaffney, S.C., Carol Miller of Lititz, Pa., Larry Orlando of San Jose, Calif., and Julie Piper of Wayne City, III. These winners received other prizes, including a 2007 50 State Quarters proof set and ANA MoneyMarket memorabilia.

Each year during the third week of April, the ANA celebrates National Coin Week though exhibits, educational programs and other activities that promote numismatics to people across the country. The theme for 2007 National Coin Week was "The Presidents Are Coming!" a tribute to the U.S. Mint's new Presidential \$1 Coin Program.

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 32,000 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>.