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Portland National Money Show Features Friendship Luncheon, Convention Medals

Everyone who attends the 2009 National Money Show™, March 13-15 in Portland, Oregon, is encouraged to register for the annual Friendship Luncheon and support the show's host clubs by purchasing an attractive set of convention medals.

The Friendship Luncheon is a tradition at every ANA show. In March it will be held at Portland's oldest restaurant, Huber's (www.hubers.com). Established in 1879, the arched doorways and vaulted stained-glass ceiling help you step back in time as you enjoy the city's best American cuisine. The luncheon is March 14 from Noon to 2 p.m.; the ANA member price is \$35 until Feb. 10, \$38 after. Pre-registration required.

The Portland convention medal was designed by Greg Franck-Weilby, Portland medals chairman. The obverse is based on the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition \$50 gold piece, and the reverse is based on the Oregon Trail half dollar and commemorates the 150th anniversary of Oregon statehood. Two-medal sets in copper and silver are \$55, single silver proofs are \$40 and single copper proofs are \$15 (prices include shipping). Supply is limited; each medal is 39mm and weighs one ounce. Proceeds benefit the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association and the Willamette Coin Club.

To register for the Portland Friendship Luncheon or order Portland convention medals, visit www.money.org (select "National Money Show" from the "Featured Links" menu) or call 719-482-9857.

The Portland National Money Show will be held from March 13-15 at the Oregon Convention Center. The show is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Scott Loos is the event's general chairman, Larry Rowe is the honorary general chairman, Gene Wiley is the Numismatic Theatre chairman and Eric Holcomb is the exhibit chairman. The Willamette Coin Club and the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association are the event's host clubs and the Salem Numismatic Society is the honorary host club. Bowers and Merena Auctions is the official auction company.

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