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ANA Museum Showcase Makes National Money Show Debut With Rare Double Eagles and Quintuple Stellas

The ANA Museum Showcase will make its National Money Show™ debut March 25-27 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. This spectacular gallery gives visitors a unique chance to see some of the world's most beautiful and valuable coins.

The showcase will be located just inside the bourse entrance, and features several numismatic treasures. The Smithsonian Institution's exhibit, "Good as Gold: America's Double Eagles," explores the history of the U.S. \$20 gold piece. The display includes the first (1849 pattern) and last (1933) double eagles ever produced, and a 1907 Saint-Gaudens ultra-high-relief \$20 pattern coin that President Theodore Roosevelt gave his daughter Edith for Christmas that year.

The Museum Showcase also will present three historic and beautiful 1879 Quintuple Stellas. These coins are exceedingly rare; only five gold and perhaps 12 copper specimens are known. The National Money Show display includes the two finest gold specimens and one rare copper piece – all exhibited courtesy of the BRS Legacy Collection. The ANA thanks Laura Sperber for arranging this display.

The ANA's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum will display pieces from its collection, including the Cohen and Idler/Bebee specimens of the rare 1804 Draped Bust dollar, two of 15 struck at the U.S. Mint.

The showcase also features the Walton specimen of the famed 1913 Liberty Head nickel, one of only five known. These nickels left the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia under suspicious circumstances. In 1919, former Mint employee Samuel Brown placed an advertisement in *The Numismatist*, offering to pay \$500 for any 1913 Liberty Head nickel. The next year at the ANA's annual convention in Chicago, Brown displayed a five-piece set. Later, Fort Worth dealer B. Max Mehl advertised that he would pay \$50 for the rarity.

For more information about the 2010 National Money Show in Fort Worth, call 719-482-9857, e-mail convention@money.org or visit www.nationalmoneyshow.com.

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