

## **LET US SHOW YOU THE MONEY!**

### ***Money Museum Celebrates National Coin Week***

The Money Museum of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) in Colorado Springs wants to "show you the money" - everything from a half cent to a hundred grand, from stone money to a \$1 million nickel - on Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To kick off the 77th observance of the ANA's National Coin Week - April 16-22 - the Money Museum at 818 N. Cascade Ave. will hold a special open house, featuring free drawings for gold, silver and golden dollars; free coin appraisals; free gifts for all visitors; and a "treasure trivia" game.

"The 50 State Quarters and new Sacagawea dollars being issued by the United States Mint offer a golden opportunity to discover America, one coin at a time," says Museum Curator Robert W. Hoge. "National Coin Week serves to remind people that money is history they can hold in their hands."

To encourage people to look more closely at their pocket change, the ANA will purposely place a rare 1914-D penny worth \$100 into circulation in the Colorado Springs area before April 15. Anyone finding this rarity can bring it to the Money Museum during the open house or throughout National Coin Week to receive a \$100 reward.

Free drawings will be held throughout the day for gold and silver dollars from the 1800s and new "golden dollars" fresh from the United States Mint.

Local professional numismatists and experts from ANA Museum Services will offer free appraisals during the open house.

School-age children and their parents can scour the Museum for answers in a numismatic trivia game and receive free collector coins, including Buffalo nickels and Indian Head pennies.

Everyone who visits the Money Museum during this National Coin Week open house will receive a special "collector card" to hold the new state quarters now in circulation.

Special exhibits will display the ANA's two \$100,000 bills - the highest denomination of paper money ever issued by the United States Treasury; a 1913 Liberty Head nickel - one of five known and valued at more than \$1 million; stone money from the South Pacific island of Yap; Swedish copper plate money - the largest coins ever produced; and, because it's April 15, examples of money tied to taxes.

Operated by the nonprofit, 29,000-member ANA, the Money Museum's galleries comprise two floors, with colorful exhibits that trace the nearly 3,000-year history of coins, from the earliest known examples from 7th century BC to freshly minted coins and currency from the United States and the world.

The Money Museum always is free and open to the public throughout the year. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Free group tours are available by calling 632-2646. You can also visit the ANA's virtual museum on its Web site at [www.money.org](http://www.money.org).

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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](http://www.money.org).