

Going - Gone! All Bourse Space At Two ANA Events Sold In Four Days

All the available dealers' tables for the next two American Numismatic Association conventions were sold out in four days including a record 460 tables in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and more than 200 in Kansas City, Missouri. The spaces were quickly snapped up by dealers during the ANA's annual "table draw."

"The enormous demand for booth space underscores the vibrant numismatic marketplace and the importance of the annual ANA conventions as a place to do business," said Christopher Cipoletti, ANA Executive Director.

"The drawings for booth locations started on Monday morning, April 19, for both conventions, and every available space was taken by noon on Thursday," said Brenda Bishop, ANA Conventions Director.

"We were able to place all but a very few paid applicants, and now we are encouraging dealers who have not yet submitted applications to quickly do it so they can be placed on a wait list."

There will be 460 dealers' booths at the ANA World's Fair of Money®®, August 18 - 22, in Pittsburgh, a record number for an ANA summer convention. A total of 202 tables were sold for the small-sized ANA National Money Show, April 8 - 10, 2005 in Kansas City. The shows are open to the public and admission is free.

Heritage Numismatic Auctions, Inc. of Dallas, Texas (www.HeritageCoin.com) will conduct the official auction for this summer's ANA Pittsburgh show, and Bowers and Merena Galleries (www.BowersandMerena.com) of Irvine, California has been named official auctioneer for next year's Kansas City convention.

A waiting list for dealers who want tables in Pittsburgh and Kansas City now is being compiled, but ANA officials expect there will be only a few cancellations that would make space available in the coming months.

The order in which dealers select tables and bourse floor location is based on a "star" system, with points awarded for dealers' financial donations; placing advertisements in Numismatist Magazine; continuous participation in ANA conventions with bonuses for attendance through the end of each show as well as dealers booking their hotel rooms with the official ANA convention hotels; volunteering for ANA projects and programs; and other support provided to the association in the previous year.

ANA officials encourage out-of-town collectors and dealers to quickly make hotel reservations if they plan to attend the Pittsburgh convention.

"We've made arrangements for discount rates with four hotels near the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, and the" deadline for reservations is July 9. However, many of the available rooms already are booked," advised Bishop.

Reservations can be made online from the ANA web site, www.money.org/conventiondept.html.

For additional information about the conventions, contact the American Numismatic Association, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Phone: (800) 467-5725. E-mail: convention@money.org.

For information about the official Pittsburgh auction, contact Heritage Numismatic Auctions, Inc., 3500 Maple Avenue, 17th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75219-3941. Phone: 800/872-6467.

For information about the official Kansas City auction, contact Bowers and Merena Galleries, 18022 Cowan, Suite 200-D, Irvine, California 92614. Phone: (800) 458-4646.

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