

ATLANTA OFFERS BEST OF OLD AND NEW SOUTH

To thoroughly enjoy present-day Atlanta, site of this year's American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money® (August 8-12), all one need do is experience the city's past.

From its role in the Civil War up to the celebration of the 1996 Olympic Games, Atlanta promises visitors days filled with education and entertainment. Add the cool charm of the city's contemporary shopping and dining venues, and attendees of the ANA convention have a lot of options for fun and relaxation.

The ANA has arranged a number of tours for conventioners. Those who pre-register for the show before July 16 will receive discounts on the cost of their tickets. Tour tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. (A pre-registration card can be found in the May issue of the ANA's official journal, *The Numismatist*, as well as on the ANA's web site, www.money.org.)

Wednesday, August 8 - A tour of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank is scheduled from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The Federal Reserve's 12 banks and their 25 branches monitor national and international economic conditions and help formulate our country's monetary policy (\$15 pre-registration, \$18 on-site).

On Wednesday evening, sports fans can see the Atlanta Braves battle the Houston Astros at Turner Field, which combines the nostalgia and atmosphere of old-time baseball with state-of-the-art family entertainment. The park features a superior sound system, two video boards, more than 500 television monitors, a concession area with two food and game pavilions, and an actual beach (complete with lounge chairs and lifeguards). The bus leaves at 5:45 p.m. and returns about 10 p.m. (\$23 pre-registration, \$27 on-site).

Thursday, August 9 - Tour from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. the gold-domed Georgia State Capitol, constructed in Classic Renaissance style, and visit the Cyclorama amphitheater, with its dramatic depiction of the 1864 Battle of Atlanta (\$26 pre-registration, \$27 on-site; children age 12 and younger receive a discount when accompanied by an adult).

Friday, August 10 - ANA members can socialize at the annual Friendship Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 1848 House Restaurant and Conference Center. Located on the former Bushy Park plantation and the site of a Civil War battle, the 13-acre landmark radiates such luxurious Southern charm that even Scarlett O'Hara would be in antebellum heaven (\$32 pre-registration, \$36 on-site).

Saturday, August 11 - At 8:30 a.m., the bus leaves for a tour of the Dahlonega Mint. Located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Dahlonega is the site of the largest American gold deposit found east of the Mississippi River and was first mined in 1832. Visitors can tour some of the old mine tunnels and view mining equipment in operation. The bus returns at 3:15 p.m. (\$33 pre-registration, \$37 on-site).

Also at 8:30 a.m. is the Abe Kosoff/PNG Young Numismatists (YN) Awards Breakfast and Auction. Admission is \$5 for YNs; adult admission is \$20, or free when accompanied by a young collector.

The day ends with the ANA Awards Banquet at the Waverly Hotel from 8 to 10 p.m. A pre-banquet reception begins at 7 p.m. The top awards, including the ANA's highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service, will be presented, and the ANA's 2001-03 Board of Governors will be installed at the dinner (\$42 pre-registration, \$47 on site).

To reserve tours or pre-register for the ANA World's Fair of Money, contact the ANA Convention Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; telephone 719/632-2646; fax 719/634-4085; or visit the ANA web site at www.money.org.

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.