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Las Vegas Show Features ANA Educational Programs, King of Siam Set

(Las Vegas, NV) – Three intensive educational seminars and a display of the legendary King of Siam proof set will highlight the second annual Las Vegas Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show, sponsored by the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

The show will be open to the public, Friday, October 27, to Sunday, October 29, in the Grand Ballroom of the world famous Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Immediately prior to the opening of the show, the ANA School of Numismatics will offer three separate, two-day seminars for collectors and dealers to sharpen their skills and learn the intricacies of detecting counterfeit U.S. gold coins, collecting U.S. paper money and the fundamentals of grading U.S. coins," said Lane Brunner, Ph.D., Director of Numismatic Outreach for the ANA.

More than 100 dealers will have tables at the show, and Bowers and Merena of Irvine, California (www.BowersandMerena.com) will conduct a public auction of rare coins and paper money as the official auctioneer of the show.

Other sponsors include

- NGC, ANA's official grading service (<http://www.ngccoin.com/>)
- North American Certified Trading (<http://www.nactcoin.com/catalog/index.php>)
- Teletrade (<http://www.teletrade.com/>), conducting the official online auction

The fabled King of Siam proof set was last seen in Las Vegas seven years ago when it was displayed at the grand opening of Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in 1999. The world's most famous coin set was originally presented as a diplomatic gift on behalf of President Andrew Jackson to the King of Siam (now Thailand) in 1836.

The set was purchased last year for \$8.5 million by well-known professional numismatist, Steven L. Contursi, President of Rare Coin Wholesalers of Dana Point, California, who will display it at the Las Vegas show. Among the 11 gold, silver and copper 19th century United States coins in the set is one of the 15 known 1804-dated U.S. Draped Bust silver dollars.

The three ANA seminars will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, October 25 and 26. The fee for each class is \$445, and a \$100 discount is available for ANA members.

"Introduction to Counterfeit Detection of United States Gold Coins" will be an intensive, hands-on study of U.S. gold coins with focus on those items most often seen on the market today. Both genuine and counterfeit specimens will be available for examination and study.

"Fundamentals of Grading United States Coins" will be a highly-enriched seminar where participants will learn and understand how U.S. coins should be graded according to the latest ANA and market standards. Attendees will gain confidence in evaluating surface marks, luster, and eye appeal through interactive discussions, group activities and individual study of hundreds of coins from the ANA grading set.

"Introduction to Collecting United States Paper Money" will feature author, expert and ardent paper money collector, Wendell Wolka, for a fast-paced, interactive and entertaining introductory survey of all types of United States paper money. Attendees will explore the historical and economic background that led to the issue of Obsolete bank notes and scrip, Fractional currency, National Bank Notes and large and small-sized Federal notes.

All three seminars also will have ample opportunity for group discussions and one-on-one instructions.

For additional information and to enroll, contact the ANA Numismatic Outreach Department at (800) 367-9723 x 169 or at seminars@money.org.

The Las Vegas Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show will be held in conjunction with the Las Vegas Antique Arms Show™ and Steel Classics™.

Admission is free to ANA members with proper identification. Admission for non-ANA member is \$15 per day or \$35 for a three-day pass. A \$5 discount coupon is available online at www.LasVegasCollectibles.com. Children ages 11 and under are admitted free.

Public hours are Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, October 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For additional information about the show, contact Ann Phan at (866) 362-6642 or Ann@LasVegasCollectibles.com.

The American Numismatic Association is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 33,000 members, the Association serves the academic community, collectors and the general public with an interest in numismatics. The ANA helps all people discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars.

For more information about the ANA, contact us at 719.632.2646 or visit us online at www.MONEY.org.