

ANA's National Coin Week Honored by President Bush

President George W. Bush has extended his best wishes to the American Numismatic Association (ANA) for National Coin Week, April 21-27, 2002.

In a statement dated April 1, the President notes that during National Coin Week, which the ANA has sponsored since 1924, Association members work to help educate the public on the history that can be found in coins from yesterday and today. He recognizes that coins, paper money, tokens and medals are integral in people's everyday lives, and that they give insight into the development of civilization. The President commends those who will be celebrating National Coin Week and this year's theme "Faces of Time," which focuses on the people whose portraits have graced coins through the ages.

ANA Past President David L. Ganz asked President Bush for the National Coin Week message. Ganz, who serves as mayor of Fairlawn, New Jersey, provided a proclamation from that community in recognition of this special week in numismatics.

ANA President John W. Wilson says, "On behalf of all the members of the ANA, I am pleased to receive the message from President Bush, and I want to thank my predecessor, David Ganz, for his efforts in obtaining this important recognition."

"During National Coin Week 2002, the ANA wants people to pay attention to their money and the faces looking back at them," says ANA Education Director Gail Baker. "With the United States Mint issuing fresh 50 State quarter designs every 10 weeks, people everywhere are thinking about the images on our money. Holding a coin from 50, 100 or even 1,000 years ago can start someone on an exciting journey of discovery into the honor, recognition, politics and power behind the face that appears on the small piece of round metal."

The Association is encouraging its members to join in the National Coin Week celebration by offering two full scholarships - including airfare, tuition, meals and lodging - to a future ANA Summer Seminar held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Two one-week seminars are conducted each summer with more than 30 classes and more than 10 mini-seminars on a wide variety of fascinating areas, including United States coin grading; the numismatics of biblical, Roman, Byzantine and American Revolutionary periods; Asian, English and Mexican coinage; U.S. and world paper money; and counterfeit detection.

Some activities collectors will do during National Coin Week are:

Hold an open house at a school or club to talk about coins and their faces.

Have several coin club members prepare short presentations highlighting the person who is portrayed and/or the artist who created the image.

Visit the United States Mint Web site - www.usmint.gov - to see the faces that appear and will appear on circulating, commemorative and bullion coins.

Mount a National Coin Week exhibit at a library, bank or school.

The ANA presented a special exhibit award for the best National Coin Week display mounted at the Association's National Money ShowSM in Jacksonville, Florida, in March. The other scholarship will be presented this summer to the individual or club report of the best and most innovative way in which they promoted National Coin Week and the theme "Faces of Time."

For more information about National Coin Week 2002, contact the ANA Education Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; telephone 719/632-2646; fax 719/634-4085; E-mail anaedu@money.org; web site www.money.org.

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