

ANA Money Museum Open Sundays

The American Numismatic Association Money Museum now is open seven days a week to accommodate a growing number of visitors.

Beginning June 29, the Money Museum, at 818 North Cascade Avenue in Colorado Springs, Colorado, will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. The Museum is open to the public, and admission is free.

"In the first five months of this year, we experienced a 70-percent rise in attendance over the same period last year, and visitation in 2002 was a 211-percent increase over 2001," says Curator Lawrence J. Lee. "In addition, our tours are up 77 percent over a year ago at this time. We are expecting about 28,000 people to visit the Money Museum this year, but I my estimate may be too conservative."

Currently on exhibit at the museum are:

"Rendezvous with Destiny: The Money of World War II" -- reflects on how people and nations raised money to finance war machines, counterfeited it to destroy economies and fashioned their own to sustain lives. (Through August 15, 2003)

"Mountains of Money: A Colorado Story" -- tells the tale of how gold and silver extracted from the mountains and minted into coins, tokens and medals in mining camps, towns and cities transformed the wilderness of the Colorado Territory into the booming Centennial State. (Through January 31, 2004)

"Harry W. Bass Jr. Collection" -- presents the finest specimens from the most comprehensive collection of America's gold coinage, assembled by the late Harry W. Bass Jr. of Dallas, Texas, who, in the 1970s and '80s, was involved in the management of the Vail ski resort in Colorado and development of the nearby Beaver Creek ski resort. (Permanent, technologically enhanced exhibit)

For more information about the Money Museum or to arrange for a free group tour, call 719-632-2646; or visit the ANA website 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.