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ANA Presents Destination Education Event, "Minting & Mining in Carson City," March 20-23

Go on a three-day educational adventure that explores the history of the Gold Rush in California and Nevada, tours the legendary Comstock Lode mines in Virginia City, and features top numismatic experts at the old Carson City Mint. "Minting and Mining in Carson City" is part of the American Numismatic Association's "Destination Education" series and takes place March 20-23 following the 2011 Sacramento National Money Show.™

Students will leave Sacramento by bus on Sunday, March 20 at 11 a.m., visit the Empire State Historic Park Museum and spend a night of fun and relaxation at the Peppermill Resort Spa and Casino in Reno. On March 21 students will tour the Comstock Lode, Virginia City, and other historic sites before arriving at the Courtyard Marriott in Carson City.

March 22 will be spent at the Nevada State Museum, formerly the Carson City Mint, learning from top numismatic experts before moving to the Nevada Governor's Mansion for a dinner featuring an appearance by Mark Twain. The seminar concludes March 23 with stops at Coloma and the Boeger Winery in Placerville before arriving in Sacramento by 2:30 p.m.

The cost of "Minting and Mining in Carson City," including tuition, transportation, three nights of lodging, meals and dinner credits, is \$995 (single occupancy) and \$1,549 (double occupancy). To register for the learning adventure of a lifetime, call 719-482-9850 or visit www.nationalmoneyshow.com.

Featured Experts:

Fred Holabird is the tour guide to the mines and towns of the Comstock Lode. Holabird has been a mining industry expert for 25 years, is well-published in mining publications and has been responsible for discovery and production at two Nevada gold mines.

Fred Weinberg, president of Weinberg & Co., leads a discussion of major U.S. Mint errors and the evolution of the coin error hobby. Weinberg was the only coin dealer to examine varieties among 2.5 million Carson City silver dollars at the U.S. Bullion Depository in 1973.

Bob Nylan, curator of history at the Nevada State Museum, explores the history of the Carson City Mint. Nylan has researched Nevada history for 30 years, developed the Kit Carson Trail Walking Tour and created many museum exhibits.

Gene Hattori, curator of anthropology at the Nevada State Museum, discusses excavations in Lovelock, Nevada that revealed U.S. gold coins beneath the city's former Chinatown. Hattori has worked on archaeological sites throughout Nevada and in San Francisco.

Ken Hopple, chief coiner at the Nevada State Museum, gives demonstrations of the historic Coin Press No. 1 that minted the first coins at the U. S. Mint in Carson City in 1870. Hopple has served as the operator of the press – an 1869 Morgan and Orr machine – for nine years.

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 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 visit www.money.org.