

ANA Museum Showcase Comes to Sacramento

The American Numismatic Association's Museum Showcase will take center stage at the 2011 ANA Sacramento National Money Show, March 17-19 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The showcase includes spectacular and historical rarities from the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum and private collections.

The showcase, located on the bourse floor at Booth 633, features informative, museum-quality exhibits. The following is a list of Museum Showcase exhibits in Sacramento:

The Idler/Bebee Class III Specimen 1804 Dollar

Known as "The King of U.S. Coins," the 1804 dollar is exceedingly rare, with only 15 known examples. No U.S. dollars dated 1804 actually were struck in that year; Type I specimens were struck in 1834-5 as diplomatic gifts (8 known), while Type II (unique) and III specimens (6 known) were struck during the 1850s for collectors. The Idler/Bebee specimen was donated to the ANA by Aubrey and Adeline Bebee in 1991.

The McDermott/Bebee Specimen 1913 Liberty Head "V" Nickel

Five Liberty Head nickels were made in 1913 under mysterious circumstances. The existence of the nickels was unknown until 1919, when an advertisement in *The Numismatist* offered to purchase any example for \$500. The ad was placed by Samuel W. Brown, a former Mint employee who researchers believe placed the ad to legitimize his coins. In 1920 Brown exhibited all five nickels at the ANA convention in Chicago. The McDermott/Bebee specimen was donated to the ANA by Aubrey and Adeline Bebee in 1989.

Money of the Gold Rush

Displayed courtesy of Holabird-Kagin Americana

An exploration of how gold developed in the Old West from dust to gold exchange notes. Featured is a 100-ounce gold nugget – the largest verifiable California nugget in existence. This headline-making object was recently discovered in Northern California. The exhibit also features rarely seen historic Gold Rush era money.

The 1787 Brasher Doubloon

Displayed courtesy of Steven L. Contursi and Donald Kagin

The Brasher Doubloon with "EB" punch mark on eagle's breast is the first gold coin made for the United States. This legendary and unique piece was minted by Ephraim Brasher, a silversmith who was George Washington's next door neighbor in New York.

Presidential Time Capsules

An incredible showcase of U.S. numismatic history. The exhibit displays autographs of every United States President from George Washington to Jimmy Carter, together with vintage coins that circulated during their administrations.

California National Bank Notes

A comprehensive selection of California paper money from 1863-1935, including notes issued from National Banks in Long Beach, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The exhibit features a rare bank serial number 1 National Gold Bank note from Sacramento.

The Sacramento National Money Show will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, March 17 - 19 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and free for ANA members and children 12 and under. The Sacramento Valley Coin Club is the event's host club, and Jeff Shevlin is the event's general chairman. For more information call 719-482-9857 or visit www.nationalmoneyshow.com.

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.