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FIDEM Medallic Sculpture Exhibit to Close Sept. 15

Exhibit will be replaced by "Money of the Civil War" in October

"The Medal Is the Message: Global Ideas in Handheld Sculpture," an innovative exhibit at the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum, is closing on Sept. 15, and will be replaced by "A House Divided: Money of the Civil War," opening on Oct. 9.

"Global Ideas in Handheld Sculpture," which opened in Sept. 2007, features more than 1,400 works of art created by artists from 32 countries. The exhibit was made for the International Art Medal Federation (FIDEM) Art Medal World Congress, which was hosted by the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs. It was the first time in 20 years the prestigious event took place in the United States.

The theme of the Congress, *Passages to Reconstruction*, conveyed a message of hope following Hurricane Katrina and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. Many artists incorporated themes of tragedy and renewal in their work.

The Money Museum will celebrate the opening of "A House Divided: Money of the Civil War," with a gala public reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 9. For more information, call 719-482-9814 or e-mail museum@money.org.

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 32,000 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 visit www.money.org.