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Treasure, History, and Discovery Shine at Savannah National Money Show®

Three days of family fun, rare exhibits, and educational opportunities

Hands-on family activities, once-in-a-lifetime displays of rare money, and exclusive buying and selling opportunities filled three days of numismatic discovery during the **National Money Show®**. Presented by the American Numismatic Association (ANA), the event drew more than 2,800 registrants to the Savannah Convention Center in Savannah, GA. Held February 26-28, it united collectors, dealers, and history enthusiasts from across the country.



"Collectors, dealers, and families all gathered for the first National Money Show in Savannah," said ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick. "Watching so many enthusiastic collectors dive into the hobby with such energy and passion really emphasizes how important numismatics is—and how far its impact can reach."

ANA President Mark Lighterman formally welcomed attendees during the show's Opening Ceremonies, joined by newly appointed U.S. Mint Director Paul Hollis, who was on hand to help officially open the event.

During the show, the U.S. Mint released two products—the 2026 American Eagle Silver Proof Coin bearing the dates "1776-2026" and a unique Liberty Bell privy mark with the number "250"; and the 2026 Congratulations Set.

This year's National Money Show featured 624 dealers across more than 200 booths actively buying and selling coins, paper money, and related treasures. Attendees experienced in-depth educational sessions led by respected numismatic experts, an engaging arcade-style zone designed specifically for K-12 collectors, and a rare opportunity to view extraordinary pieces from private collections alongside highlights from the ANA's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum.

Museum Showcase & Collector Exhibits

The Museum Showcase featured a bevy of rarities. Highlights included an 1804 silver dollar, a pristine 1933 eagle (\$10 gold coin), and a 1913 Liberty Head nickel struck under mysterious circumstances.

The Showcase also featured select Bank of the United States obsolete notes, donated by John and Nancy Wilson, along with rare Georgia Treasury notes and certificates used during the Civil War.

Visitors could also view Southern gold coins minted in Charlotte and Dahlonega during the first U.S. gold rush. The exhibits further included silver coins that flowed through Savannah's ports, widely used during the golden age of piracy.

Collector Exhibits engaged participants with more than 20 stunning displays. Simcha Kuritzky won People's Choice for "The Isle of Man Cat Bullion Coins," and Michael Kodysz won Best of Show for "Zeppelins and the Great War: A Medallion History of German Military Airships in World War I." The ANA recognized the top educational displays on Saturday afternoon with an exhibit awards presentation and reception.



Short Snorter Project

Thomas Sparks, founder of [The Short Snorter Project](#), displayed several newly acquired short snorters (bank notes signed by various persons traveling together or made to commemorate a special event). One note traced a direct connection to the famed P-51 Mustang Little One III, today preserved at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Pooler, GA. Another carried an especially compelling pairing of autographs: Hollywood icon and war veteran Clark Gable alongside top P-51 ace George Preddy.

Educational Talks

Collectors took advantage of the many available educational opportunities, including technical seminars on U.S. coin grading and counterfeit detection. The always popular Money Talks presentations from seven numismatic experts covered various topics. Among the topics explored were U.S. exnumia (coin-like objects that aren't government issued currency), alternative money during Civil War, and so-called dollars struck in 1826.

Young Collector Activities

Ernie's Treasure Treehouse (named for the ANA's official young collector mascot Ernie the Education Owl) was a popular destination with families and kids. Designed for collectors in grades K-12, this always popular area offered arcade-style activities such as coin-collecting "Plinko" and the opportunity to design a commemorative coin. Participants earned "Hoot Loot," comparable to tickets won at an arcade, that could be redeemed for coin-related prizes.

Treasure Trivia was a big hit with families. The ANA welcomed 87 young collectors who learned about numismatics and earned prizes as they explored the show floor, searching for answers to trivia questions. A Young Collectors Corner taught by ANA Education Director Christian Strayhorn offered basic information about the hobby to young enthusiasts. U.S. Mint Director Hollis made a special appearance during the workshop to help answer questions from young collectors and provide teaching assistance.



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Future ANA Shows

During the Board of Governors Open Session meeting on Friday, February 27, by an overwhelming majority, the Board voted to host the 2027 National Money Show in Virginia Beach, VA. While the location has been selected, the ANA is currently working to solidify convention dates, which will be announced soon.

The next ANA convention is the 2026 World's Fair of Money®, to be held August 25-29 in Pittsburgh, PA, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. To learn more, visit worldsfairofmoney.com.

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