

CONVENTION

Rosemont, We Love You!

This year's World's Fair of Money in the Chicago suburb included new events in addition to familiar programs.

➤ The American Numismatic Association's 2022 World's Fair of Money® welcomed 8,963 people to the five-day event, held August 16-20 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in the Chicago suburb of Rosemont. "After so many years running this convention, Rosemont has become a reliable and familiar stomping ground for table holders and visitors to interact," says ANA Events Director Jennifer



Ackerman. "I'm thrilled to report that attendance surpassed last year's numbers by more than 1,700."

Unfortunately, the event got off to a rocky start when, on August 15, a dealer had a display case of Rolex watches and coins stolen.

"We are devastated that this happened to our colleague and perceive this as an assault on our community as a

whole," says Kim Kiick, ANA executive director. "The ANA will work with the dealer and authorities to ensure that the perpetrators are held accountable."

In response to this incident, ANA President Dr. Ralph Ross adds that "the ANA's Board of Governors will convene a series of special meetings to conduct a thorough evaluation of the Association's security protocols and take steps to address the emerging threats to the numismatic community's property and physical safety. We look forward to collaborating with law enforcement, security specialists, and



▲ ANA President Ralph Ross and special guest U.S. Mint Director Ventris C. Gibson both made remarks during the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to open the show.

members of our numismatic community for purposes of minimizing risks." (Anyone with information about the theft or the stolen items should contact the Detective Division of the Rosemont, Illinois, Police Department at 847-344-2350 or Doug Davis of the Numismatic Crime Information Center at doug@numismaticcrimes.org, 817-723-7231.)

The convention featured more than 1,160 dealers and their assistants buying and selling coins, paper currency, and related items, and notable speakers presented a wide range of educational offerings. "I enjoyed the insightful discussions with our attendees and fellow ANA Board members," says President Ross. "The bourse was a hive of activity, and I was grateful for the opportunity to reconnect with some old friends."

During the show's opening ceremonies on August 16, President Ross bestowed the Goodfellow Award upon Host Chair Steve Zitowsky in honor of his service. Additionally, the Chicago Coin Club was recognized with the Lewis S. Werner Host Club Award. U.S. Mint Director

SHOW STATISTICS

- 8,963 attendees: 6,141 ANA members, 2,736 general public, and 86 staff and volunteers.
- 480 tables, representing 385 companies and 1,167 dealers and their assistants.
- 185 kids participated in Treasure Trivia, and 20 attended the Young Collectors Corner.
- The live auction raised over \$10,000 for ANA programs.



The convention saw nearly 9,000 visitors over the course of the five-day event.

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► Host Chair Steve Zitowsky (top, right) accepted the Goodfellow Award for his service at the convention as well as the Lewis S. Werner Host Club Award, which he accepted from Lyle K. Daly.



Ventris C. Gibson made a special appearance and provided brief remarks, after which the ANA opened the show with a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony.

The ANA's Treasure Trivia game, in which children could learn about numismatics and earn prizes as they explored the bourse floor in search of answers, had strong participation, with 185 kids taking part. The Young Collectors Corner offered basic information about the hobby and drew 20 attendees.

The Official Auctioneer of the ANA, GreatCollections, hosted numerous attendees at its table and provided a bevy of information about its upcoming sales. GreatCollections's table also featured the first public appearance of the



Koessler Collection of matte proof gold coins, courtesy of collector Tom Koessler.

The ANA offered 18 "Money Talks" presentations, during which attendees learned about medieval English pennies, coin security, Hawaiian money, coin trends in 2022, and much more. An average of 25 people attended each lecture.

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▼ YN Colin Wicks sharpened his numismatic skills and identified the parts of a coin at the Young Collectors Corner (left). GreatCollections, the Official Auctioneer of the ANA, featured the first public appearance of the Koessler Collection of matte proof gold coins at its table.



BEHIND THE SCENES

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Curator/Museum Director Doug Mudd, the Maynard Sundman/Littleton Coin Company Lecture Series covered the topic of "Numismatic Art through the Ages." These talks were attended by 68 people. The Collector Exhibits area featured 50 competitive displays. (Winning displays are detailed on p. 66.)

The bourse was dynamic as ever. After a one-year hiatus, the Museum Showcase returned with spectacular

examples of rare coins and paper money, along with other historically significant numismatic treasures. Notable highlights included the unique "American Congress Pattern" Fugio hub trial, the earliest pattern for a circulating U.S. coin; highlights from

the Baker-Manley Collection of George Washington-related medals; and a variety of presidential appointments (most notably, one signed by George Washington that appointed David Rittenhouse as the first mint director), courtesy of Brian Hendelson.

Elsewhere on the floor, numerous California Gold Rush-era artifacts from the SS *Central America* (aka the “Ship of Gold”) were displayed for the first time, courtesy of the California Gold Marketing Group and Holabird Western Americana Collections, LLC. Included in the exhibit were the lid of the

► Visitors browsed the Museum Showcase, which included an extremely rare complete 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition commemorative coin set in its original box.



oldest-known Wells Fargo treasure box, the earliest-known Gold Rush-era prospector’s sailcloth work pants, and a 19th-century daguerreotype of an unidentified woman that the scientific mission recovery team nicknamed “Mona Lisa of the Deep.” As a special treat, the display also featured *Nemo*, a six-ton remotely operated submersible vessel used in the site excavation.

For the second year in a row, the ANA offered livestreams on its Facebook page so that viewers at home could get a taste of the show. Events included the opening ceremonies, an interview with GreatCollections, and a tour of the Ship of Gold exhibit.

Many deserving members received service awards and notable accolades during the 131st Anniversary Convention Banquet, including Thomas J. Uram (Chester L. Krause Memorial Distinguished Service Award), Fred Weinberg (Lifetime Achievement Award), and Kay Edg-



erton Lenker (Elvira Clain-Stefanelli Memorial Award for Achievement in Numismatics). Top exhibit prizes—the Charles H. Wolfe Sr. Memorial Award for YN Best-of-Show Exhibit; the Radford Stearns Memorial Award for Achievement in Exhibiting; and the Howland Wood Memorial Award for Best-of-Show Exhibit—also were presented at the event. Historical figures Jeremiah Colburn and Charles T. Steigerwalt were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Two legendary benefactors—Q. David Bowers and the Stack family—were recognized with the ANA’s Philanthropy Award honoring

◀ Abigail Mantis stopped by The Elongated Collectors booth to roll out an elongated cent. ANA Past President Kenneth Bressett snagged a picture with President Abraham Lincoln and Founding Father Benjamin Franklin (below).



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▲ Hayden Howard took home the Young Numismatist Best-of-Show award (left). First-place exhibit winners posed for a group photo.



▲ The Ship of Gold display featured *Nemo*, a six-ton remotely operated submersible vessel used in the site excavation.

held during the banquet raised \$10,000 to help support the ANA's educational mission.

Several 60-year members and one 75-year member accepted their membership pins at the Member Awards and Donor Celebration, and numerous ANA authors received literary awards for articles that appeared in *The Numismatist*.

The next ANA convention is the 2023 National Money Show®, to be held March 2-4 at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona. (Visit nationalmoneyshow.com for up-to-date information about this convention.)



▼ Numismatic Award for Artistic Excellence in Medallion Sculpture winner Amanuhllah Haiderzad (top, left) received his accolade at the Member Awards and Donor Celebration. Rod Frechette (bottom, left) was named Numismatist of the Year at the banquet.

their decades of financial support.

During the ceremony, President Ross personally invited attendees to join the Dr. George F. Heath Society as charter members. This exclusive donor-recognition guild serves to support the mission of the ANA and its programming needs. The soft launch garnered 10 charter members and raised nearly \$20,000. (Visit p. 61 to learn more.) The live auction



The bourse floor featured more than 1,160 dealers and their assistants.

▼ During the Member Awards and Donor Celebration, 60-year members (from left) Fred Sweeney, David Schenkman, and Dennis Forgue received their membership pins from ANA Vice President Joseph E. Boling.



▲ David R. Denis (left) was recognized by President Ralph Ross for his 75 years of ANA membership.



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