

World's Fair of Money[®]

AUCTION PREVIEW

➔ A live auction will take place on Friday, August 9, during the ANA Awards Banquet at the 133rd World's Fair of Money. The banquet and auction will be held at the Hilton Rosemont in Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois. Proceeds will benefit the Robert Lecce Advanced Adult Scholarship Program for 2025. Fourteen lots are highlighted here for preview. **Bidders must be present at the auction to participate.** For questions about the lots or bidding process, contact ANA Director of Development & Membership Donna Frater (dfrater@money.org, 719-482-9856).

PHOTOS: ANA ARCHIVES



FEATURED LOT

HIGH-SECURITY ARTISTIC RENDERING OF THE ANA'S 1804 DOLLAR BY ARTIST LAURA VERSCHOORE

Donated by Bob Mellor, ANA District Representative, Florida; Yury Shapshal, NFP.io CEO; and artist Laura Verschoore

Estimated value: Priceless

NFP.io, a pioneering high-tech company, has shattered the boundaries of art security with the world's first high-security paintings! These revolutionary works boast unprecedented features that empower anyone to definitively authenticate their piece—gone are the days of relying solely on art experts.

NFP.io's paintings integrate groundbreaking, non-replicable markers directly into the physical artwork, but the innovation doesn't stop there. Each NFP.io masterpiece is paired with a corresponding digital NFT (nonfungible token), creating a powerful link between the physical and digital realms. This dual ownership

not only enhances security but also opens doors to exciting new possibilities for collectors and artists alike. NFP.io's technology promises to revolutionize the art market, fostering confidence and accessibility for all.

This groundbreaking artwork depicting the ANA's 1804 dollar is rendered on government-level security paper with covert ultraviolet security features. Recognized artist Laura Verschoore used acrylic paint and paint pens to create a three-dimensional representation of the coveted "king of U.S. coins." Verschoore is the first artist to have her work on NFP.io-secure canvas paper registered as an NFT. Her rendition of the 1804 dollar is the first numismatic item illustrated in this way. "Prior to this, I have not had any experience with the ANA, other than being amazed and fascinated by the history and quality of coins," says Verschoore. "I was excited to be able to participate in such a worthy cause."

Certified Collectibles Group has secured the piece, which measures 8.5 x 11 inches, in a CAG holder and serialized its registration.

2023 CAMEROON GIOVANNI BOCCACCIO'S DECAMERON 5,000 FRANCS CFA COIN

Donated by Scott and Lisa Loos,
Scott Loos World Coins

Estimated value: \$500-\$600

The Decameron, a compilation of 100 short stories by illustrious Italian Renaissance writer Giovanni Boccaccio (1313-75), captures his country's essence with classic tales that embody eroticism to tragedy. This collectable coin pays tribute to the literary genius by showing how his stories are interwoven. It depicts the way of life of the progressive bourgeoisie, who combined respect for conventions with an open-minded attitude toward personal behavior. Issued for the African nation of Cameroon, this 65mm coin is made of 5 ounces of .999-fine silver and features an antique finish. Limited to a mintage of just 333 pieces, the high-relief piece includes edge numbering.



PORTRAIT MEDALLION OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Donated by John Kraljevich Jr.

Estimated value: \$700

This portrait medallion of Benjamin Franklin was made in c. 1780-1800 and modeled after a porcelain version by Wedgwood and Bentley. The brass oval medallion is encased in a contemporary ebonized wood frame. During Franklin's years in London, ceramic images of him were produced to celebrate his success as a scientist and scholar, and later as a diplomat and heroic figure.

The medallion's low-relief cameo of Franklin is rendered in the classical manner: his hair is shorn like that of an ancient Roman, and his neck and part of his shoulder are portrayed with no visible clothing. The legend FRANKLIN is impressed below the contour of the shoulder.

"BOY ON THE DOLPHIN" ANCIENT GREEK COIN PENDANT

Donated by Mary Lynn and Jeff Garrett, Mid-American Rare Coin Galleries

Estimated value: \$750

Note: This pendant features an authentic ancient Greek coin minted c. 275 B.C.

The story of the legendary "Boy on the Dolphin" coin starts not in Taras, Italy, where it was minted, but in faraway Sparta, the mythic military state conquered by an alliance of Greek states after centuries of military dominance. Refugees forced from Sparta founded Taras. According to legend, these refugees sought counsel from the oracle at Delphi before their departure from Greece. They were told to establish a colony at the southern end of the Italian Peninsula, and so they set sail. However, before the leader of the colonists, Phalanthos, could reach land, his ship was wrecked. Too far from shore to swim, Phalanthos would have been lost had it not been for Poseidon, the Greek sea god, who sent a dolphin to save him. This scene is rendered upside down on the reverse of the coin, while the obverse depicts a horse and rider.



6 BOTTLES OF 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON CASTELLO DI AMOROSA WINE IN CRATE

Donated by Thomas J. Uram, ANA President

Estimated value: \$700

Castello di Amorosa is located in the legendary Coombsville appellation within Napa Valley. Coombsville's climate makes it ideal for Bordeaux varieties of grapes. The soft tannin structure, unique to Coombsville fruit, can be attributed to the hang-time, which is the longest of any appellation in Napa. The wine is highlighted by flavors of earthy chocolate, black currant, and blackberry.



1892 COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION HALF DOLLAR BELT

Donated by Mary Ann and Anthony Terranova

Estimated value: \$500-\$750

The 1892 Columbian Exposition half dollar commemorates the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's landing in the Americas. This .900-fine silver coin features a bust of Columbus on the obverse. His largest ship, *Santa Maria*, appears on the reverse. This 30-inch belt features 19 of these coins.



Lotton Art Glass Gallery & Studios have created hand-blown pieces for the World's Fair of Money auction—specifically for the Robert Lecce Advanced Adult Scholarship Program. These are one-of-a-kind works of fine glass art. Each piece is dynamic and dimensional. To own a Lotton Art Glass creation is to own a piece of history!

CRYSTAL VASE WITH WHITE & PINK BLUSHED CALLA LILY DECOR BY SCOTT BAYLESS (approx. 7⁵/₈" H x 5" W)

Estimated value: \$690

COPPER BLUE BOWL WITH WHITE IRIS DECOR & IRIDESCENT INTERIOR BY DANIEL LOTTON (approx. 5³/₄" H x 8¹/₂" W)

Estimated value: \$2,000

CRYSTAL MIXED BOUQUET MAGNUM PAPERWEIGHT WITH FIREFLOWERS BY DAVID LOTTON (approx. 6³/₄" H x 6" W)

Estimated value: \$750

BLUE CYPRIOT VASE WITH PINK TRIPLE HEART BLOSSOM DECOR BY ROBERT LAGESTEE (approx. 6³/₄" H x 6" W)

Estimated value: \$750



ORIGINAL SKETCHES OF THE DESIGNS FOR THE 2024 WORLD'S FAIR OF MONEY COMMEMORATIVE COIN

Donated by Joel Iskowitz, artist of The Mountain Studio based in Woodstock, New York; and Chang Bullock, Minted Assets, President

Estimated value: \$1,400

The obverse pencil sketch (11 x 12 inches, signed and dated) shows Nomisma, Joel Iskowitz's incarnation of the Greek goddess of money, holding the Chicago ANA logo. In the reverse image (10 x 14 inches, signed and dated), an American bald eagle carries a rose, rich with symbolism of mysticism, achievement, perfection, and love. The flower is also a reference to Rosemont, an epicenter of cultural and commercial activities.



1980 FIRST AUCTION LOT WINNINGS OF SHANNA SCHMIDT

Donated by Shanna Schmidt, Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

Estimated value: \$200

Before starting her own business, Shanna Schmidt worked for her father, Harlan J. Berk. As the daughter of one of the foremost ancient coin experts, Schmidt was exposed to the world of numismatics from a young age. In 2016 she founded Shanna Schmidt Numismatics, Inc., which specializes in ancient numismatics, with a focus on Greek coinage.

Schmidt graciously donated the first auction lot she ever won, from Steve Ivy Auctions in 1980, prior to his establishing Heritage Auctions. The sentimental set includes an A.D. 307-37 Constantine billon *folles*, 1872 3-cent piece, 1980 Cincinnati World's Fair of Money elongated coin, 1980 ANA convention token, and a Canadian \$1 Manitoba centennial dollar dated 1870-1970.

CERTIFIED 2023 MORGAN & PEACE SILVER DOLLARS

Donated by Thomas Uram, ANA President

Estimated value: \$1,500

This six-piece set is housed in an elegant, handcrafted Volterra coin presentation case with a mahogany-colored wood grain finish and glass lid. Featuring labels signed by Tom Uram, the collection includes a 2023-S Morgan dollar Proof (PF)-70 Ultra Cameo; 2023 Morgan dollar, First Day—FUN Show, Mint State (MS)-70; 2023 Peace dollar, PF-70 Ultra Cameo; 2023 Peace dollar, MS-70; Official U.S. Mint Set 2023-S Morgan dollar, two-coin reverse proof set, Reverse PF-70; and Official U.S. Mint Set 2023-S Peace dollar, two-coin reverse proof set, Reverse PF-70.

DIAMOND & SAPPHIRE NECKLACE

Donated by H. Robert Campbell, All About Coins, Inc.

Estimated value: \$850

Made from 10kt white gold and weighing 4.41g, the pendant on this necklace has a "twist" design with two diamonds and three sapphires. Its 18-inch-long chain is made of 14kt white gold. The necklace is noted as being in good condition and was appraised by Christopher H. Allred, GIA certified G.G., C.G.

