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ANA Announces Extraordinary Lineup of Historic Rarities for 2026 World's Fair of Money®

Pittsburgh exhibits include never-before-seen coins, sunken treasures, American history, and much more

Discover an extraordinary array of numismatic treasures at the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) 2026 Pittsburgh **World's Fair of Money**, August 25-29, 2026. The bourse floor at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center will feature an exceptional lineup of exhibits, from iconic favorites—such as the ANA Money Museum's legendary 1913 Liberty Head nickel—to specially curated displays honoring 250 years of American independence.

Examine never-before-seen rarities from the world-renowned Tyrant Collection (the world's most valuable private coin collection), explore remarkable recovered sunken treasures, follow Liberty's evolving image across U.S. coinage, and experience many additional displays designed to inspire, educate, and engage collectors and researchers.

Money Museum Showcase

At the Money Museum Showcase, attendees can encounter some of the world's most beautiful and significant coins, paper money, and related numismatic treasures—featuring rare and historic pieces from the **ANA Money Museum**, alongside exceptional items generously lent from distinguished private collections.

"The Money Museum is planning a memorable showcase of American history, artistry, and numismatic treasures with classic highlights from the museum's collection, alongside several new and timely exhibitions created for this milestone year," stated Money Museum Curator Caroline Turco.

A few highlights from the **Money Museum Showcase** include:

- *Promises in Silver: The Changing Face of Indian Peace Medals in the United States*—a joint display with the American Numismatic Society (**numismatics.org**).
- *Athena's Owls—Icons of Silver* (Courtesy of the Arcadia Collection) explores one of the most influential coins of all time, the Athenian "owl" silver tetradrachm.
- *A Liberty for All* highlights the adoption of Liberty to grace our nation's first coinage and how her image has changed over the last 250 years.
- One of only two known examples of the extraordinary 1921 Satin Finish proof 1921 $20 Double Eagle, on display courtesy of Brian Hendelson.
- Two version of the Declaration of Independence, in celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary, on display courtesy of Brian Hendelson.

"These exhibits invite visitors to explore the stories behind America's money, from diplomacy and war to liberty, leadership, and national identity," explained Turco. The Money Museum Showcase can be found at Booth 1430, at the far end of the convention hall.

Above: Select highlights from the silver commemorative set carefully assembled by ANA member Mike Fuljenz. (Image courtesy of GreatCollections.)

Above: A few of the error coins GreatCollections will display during the World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh. (Image courtesy of GreatCollections.)

Commemoratives & Error Coins Displayed by GreatCollections

GreatCollections (**GreatCollections.com**), the ANA Official Auctioneer, will present a selection of notable displays that highlight both the artistry and variety of U.S. coinage. From landmark, registry-level silver commemoratives to a remarkable group of dramatic modern errors, these exhibits offer attendees insight into the depth and diversity of the hobby.

At booth 1100, visitors can view the All-Time #1 Silver Commemorative Set of 144 Coins Graded by PCGS with CAC Approval. This set was formed by well-known ANA

member Mike Fuljenz over 20 years. Visitors will also have the chance to view the Palos Verdes Collection of Error Coins, a personal passion project for the collector. Each of the coins is struck from the year 1972 and includes fascinating errors like double strikes, off-metals, wrong planchets, off-center strikes, and die caps.

Tyrants of the Golden Horn

A portion of historical rare coins from the unparalleled Tyrant Collection (**TheTyrantCollection.com**) will be publicly displayed together for the first time. This multi-million dollar exhibit, *Tyrants of the Golden Horn*, showcases 224 important coins representing virtually every Byzantine emperor.

Above: The finest of only seven known examples, this solidus of Mezezius, A.D. 668-669, graded PCGS MS66, is one of the highlights of the Tyrants of the Horn collection. (Image courtesy of PCGS.)

"The earliest coin in the exhibit is a gold Aureus of Diocletian, struck in 290 A.D. in Cyzicus (modern-day Turkey), and the last coin is a 1943 Turkish 500 kurush. This is more than 1,700 years of remarkable numismatic history," announced Ira Goldberg, president of Goldberg Coins and Collectibles, Inc., one of the numismatic professionals guiding the assembly of the exhibit.

Above: Described as one of the most important women of all time, Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, is depicted on this gold solidus. (Image courtesy of PCGS.)

This portion of the Tyrant Collection is named after the Golden Horn, a horn-shaped natural waterway and primary inlet of the Bosphorus sea strait that divides the European side of Istanbul, Turkey. For over 2,000 years, it was the principal harbor for trade ships in Byzantium, Constantinople, and the Ottoman Empire.

"The *Tyrants of the Golden Horn* consists of coins of the emperors and sultans who ruled Constantinople from its founding in 324 by Constantine the Great, to the abolishment of the Ottoman Sultanate in 1922," revealed Dan O'Dowd, owner of the extensive Tyrant Collection.

This exhibit is the latest in a multi-year series of educational, museum-quality exhibits revealing different portions of the extensive and unprecedented Tyrant Collection. View the exhibit at booth 1330, next to the Money Museum Showcase on the bourse floor.

The Short Snorter Project – James Stewart's Signature

A display of "short snorter" banknotes autographed by World War II-era dignitaries will be on display during the convention. The exhibit, courtesy of the nonprofit Short Snorter Project

(ShortSnorter.org), features over 1,300 signatures, including hundreds of VIPs, generals, admirals, presidents, prime ministers, and ambassadors.

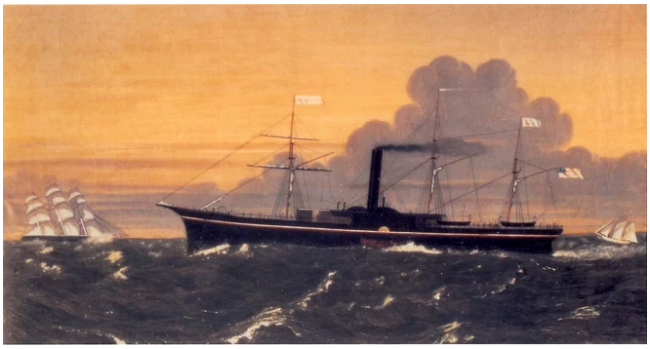
Short Snorter Project Founder Tom Sparks, will display a rare and possibly unique short snorter signed by famous actor James (Jimmy) Stewart. The note was signed while Stewart was serving in the 8th Air Force in the U.K., specifically at RAF Old Buckenham as Group Operations Officer of the 453rd Bomb Group. "In my 20-plus years of collecting, I have not seen another short snorter signed by James Stewart," said Sparks.

Sparks will donate the note signed by Stewart to the Jimmy Stewart Museum, located in Indiana, PA. Now on display through November 15, 2026, at the museum is *The Making of JIMMY*, a special exhibit celebrating the upcoming feature film *JIMMY*. The exhibit displays costumes, props, memorable quotes, fun facts, and exclusive behind-the-scenes footage that bring the story of Jimmy Stewart to life.

In 1941, Stewart enlisted in World War II as a combat pilot in the U.S. Army Corps after winning the Academy Award® for Best Actor in *The Philadelphia Story*. He flew 20 missions over Europe, rising to the rank of colonel by the end of the war. After he served, he portrayed the character George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life.*

Visitors can see the Short Snorter exhibit on display at Booth 96, next to Collector Exhibits on the bourse.

The S.S. *Central America* Story



This member exhibit presents treasure, artifacts, and scientific wonders found during expeditions to the famous "Ship of Gold," which sank in a hurricane on September 12, 1857, with the greatest lost treasure in U.S. history, tons of gold being transported from Gold Rush California. See treasure and personal artifacts, including clothing found in passengers' luggage, and learn the stories of those who were on board. See 3D photographs of the incredible treasure when it was first found in 1988, 7,200 feet deep in the Atlantic, 150 miles off the Carolina coast. Scientific specimens offer insights into the mysterious, deep-sea environment.

The shipwreck is rightly famous for its tons of gold ingots and its thousands of Mint-State Double Eagles. But the "small change" coins carried by passengers and found in the shipwreck's debris field are important as well, showing the confusion and chaos that accompanies American commerce at the end of foreign coin legal tender. The treasure provides a perfect time capsule marking the beginning of the enormous changes that would happen with American money because of the U.S. Coinage Act of 1857 and the upheavals of the Civil War.

The "Ship of Gold" exhibit will be displayed at Booth 600.

The World's Fair of Money Experience

During the World's Fair of Money, more than 500 dealers from across the United States and abroad will be buying and selling rare coins, vintage paper money, medals, tokens, and gold and silver. Many of the on-site numismatic experts will provide free, informal evaluations of the public's old coins and paper money.

Educational seminars, free presentations, and a children's treasure trivia game will be offered during the show, as well as family-friendly activities.

The 2026 World's Fair of Money is taking place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center at 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA, 15222. The show will be open to the public on Tuesday, August 25, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, August 26-28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, August 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is free for ANA members and children 12 and under, and $10 for non-member adults Tuesday through Friday. Admission is free for everyone on Saturday.

Additional information about the convention and hotels in the area can be found online at **WorldsFairOfMoney.com**.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs, to include its museum, library, publications, conventions and webinars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit **money.org**.