



**FUN Club Newsletter  
January 15th, 2025**

**The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual FUN Convention  
January 9 – 12, 2025, Orlando, FL**

The convention had 650 dealer booths, plus the U.S. Mint. Wizard supply, exhibit area all filling the 187,000 square foot hall. We had 1800 dealers, 315 Early Bird dealers and over 8,000 people in attendance. There were 40 staff members. 2640 showcases were used on the floor. FUN membership is 4527, with 250 new members and four life members signed up at the show.

On Thursday's opening ceremonies, ANA President Tom Uram and Director of the U.S. Mint Ventris Gibson spoke to about 400 members of the public. This year's General Chairman was Bob Hurst, and his theme was "Great Time for Collecting".

The exhibit area had 38 exhibitors from 11 states with 54 exhibits using 150 cases. "Best of Show" went to Mack Martin for "Georgia Reconstruction Bonds". The "People's Choice Award" went to YN Natlie Courtney for "How Much Was It?" The Polly Abbott Award went to Katie Williams. The Jim & Carrie Best Literary Award went to Bill Groom for "Counter stamped Coins: A Suffering New Yorker Opines".

There were 11 Educational Programs drawing 400 people in total. The "Coins & Kids" booth had over 300 kids. The kids "Numismatic Trivia Contest" was a big success. The Numismatic Ambassador Breakfast had 59 attendees, and we inducted six new Ambassadors. The FUN Coin Club Get Together had 25 attendees. Five club buses brought in 189 club members. We had an ANA District Rep meeting on Friday with 10 attending.

The U.S. Mint sold their newly released 2025 Proof Silver Eagles. Mike Bean had his Spider Press, gold mining panners were there, and reenactors Abe Lincoln and George Washington. Cindy Calhoun had her "Elongated Cents" machine.

Many specialty clubs met. There was a club section, foreign & ancient section, and budget section in the show. All the grading services were there, and NGC had their Numismatic Triathlon. Heritage Auctions auctioned some lots on site and the remainder were auctioned during the week in Dallas online.

Thanks go out to all of the FUN Officers and Board Members, and volunteers for a great job. Several dealers told me that they sold out of their inventory and had to restock. One dealer that I know reported selling \$2 million the first day.

We look forward to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer FUN Show July 10 – 12, 2025, in the West Building, Hall C.

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