



63rd Annual FUN show
January 4-7, 2018
Tampa, FL

The 63rd annual FUN show was a tremendous success, with 1500 dealers (225 early birds) manning 597 dealer booths. Attendance was about 8000. There were 750+ people waiting to get in at the show opening ceremonies Thursday morning. Show Co-chairman, Nancy Casey and Bernie Osofsky's theme was "March to FUN". They had the St. Andrews Bag Pipe Drum & Bugle Corp, the AVAST color guard, and Luis Sanjurjo singing the National Anthem.

In addition to the dealers, we had the US Mint, Mike Bean and his Spider Press, Dennis Boggs as Abraham Lincoln, Ray Dillard and his elongated cents, Piedmont Gold Panners, and the "Treasure Trivia" in the "Kids & Coins" booth which had 181 kids go through. Coin World was there along with Krause Publications, all of the grading services, Coin Dealer Newsletter gave out their new retail coin price guide called "Coin & Currency-Market Review", and Wizard Supply. There were 24 club tables, 52 tables in the Ancient & Foreign section, and 64 tables in the Budget section.

The exhibit area had 48 exhibits in 214 cases, including 4 YN exhibitors, 5 club exhibits, and exhibitors from 12 states. The Best of Show went to, "Canadian Wrong Planchet Strikes". People's Choice Award went to. "Primitive Money from the Democratic Republic of the Congo". Over 200 voted for the people's choice award.

There were 15 educational seminars on a variety of numismatic subjects. Attendance was very good at the seminars ranging from 30 to 80. We had 42 attend the FUN Coin Club Get Together, 47 attended the Numismatic Ambassador Breakfast, sponsored by FUN, where ambassador plaques were awarded to Steve & Ray Feller, Brad Karoleff, Tom Mulvaney, Dennis Tucker, and Tom Uram. Clifford Mishler, the founder of the program was the Master of Ceremonies.

4 club busses sponsored by FUN, came to the show with 157 club members aboard. FUN awarded 1 adult scholarship and 3 YN scholarships to the ANA Summer Seminar. 2 of the YN scholarships were funded by the Bill Calderazzo scholarship fund. The MS-65 Mercury Dime give away, sponsored by Richard Nachbar, had 10 new YN's sign up for FUN membership. The YN & Scout programs were on Saturday.

Heritage Auctions had another big multi-day auction, selling \$54,631,000 in coins and currency. Heritage once again, sponsored the Best of Show award which is an all expenses paid trip to the ANA summer seminar.

FUN currently has 3817 paid members. We will probably add 300 during the show.

Finally, please note that the next 3 January shows will be in Orlando. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando July 12-14, 2018 for Summer FUN.