

ANA World's Fair of Money
Denver, CO
August 1-5, 2017

The ANA show was held at the Colorado Convention Center in downtown Denver, CO. The convention center was massive and multi-level. The coin show was on the second floor right with meeting rooms downstairs center. There were 322 dealer booths manning 464 tables. Attending the show were; The US Mint, B. E. P., 8 World Mints, 30 specialty club meetings, The Museum Showcase, Kid's Zone & Treasure Trivia, Exhibit area, Coin Collector 101, 20 club tables, and Whitman Publishing (coin supplies). There were 15 "Money Talks" educational programs.

On display were the 1913 Liberty Nickel (5 known), 1804 Silver Dollar (15 known), A 1783 Nova Constellation in silver, reported to be the first struck US coin, 1792 Half Disme graded SP-68, 2 1933 \$20 St. Gaudens (11 known), 1974-D Aluminum Cent, Colorado Territorial Gold & Currency, and 18 Leshner Dollars. The Exhibit area had 60 exhibits. The Best of Show was, "The Colorized Seal Notes of Colonial Georgia" by Robert Rhue. The People's Choice award went to, "Rush to the Rockies, The Golden Growth of the Denver Mint" by Jeff Rosinia. There were 51 exhibit judges.

The Sheraton Denver Downtown was the host hotel. It was 6 blocks from the convention center. The hotel was on the 16th street Pedestrian Mall, a mile-long street with shops and restaurants. No vehicles were allowed on the mall, only free shuttle buses. The US Mint was 2 ½ blocks from the hotel. Mint tour tickets were available at the coin show for free. My wife and I went to the US Mint, the Federal Reserve Money Museum, and the Colorado History Museum.

The airport was about 20 miles NE of downtown and the cab fare was \$65. The weather was great with temperatures around 85 degrees in the day and 60 degrees at night, with no humidity.

The ANA Banquet was Friday night at the Sheraton. Awards were announced, the new ANA officers & Board were installed, and they had a silent auction. Saturday morning, I attended the ANA District Representative meeting. We had 30 there including ANA President Gary Adkins and ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick. The Heritage Auction realized \$30.8 million. Stacks Bowers- realized over \$19 million.

At the FUN table, we gave out FUN Topics, magnifiers, lanyards, medals, and lapel pins. We had lots of free tootsie rolls & Hersey candy. Cindy sold tables for our January FUN show in Tampa. Cindy & I judged exhibits. I gave a talk on Obsolete currency and I passed out nomination forms for Numismatic Ambassador Award.

Awards given to Florida recipients were;
Central Florida Coin Club- 2nd Place, Best Club Electronic Newsletter
Robert Leneve, Palm Beach Coin Club, 2nd Place Heath Literary Award for "The 1861-O Proof Half Dollar"

Robert Mellor, South Brevard Coin Club, Outstanding District Representative of the Year
Nancy Wilson, Ocala Coin Club, 2nd Place exhibit, "The Battleship Note".
Joshua McMorrow-Hernandez, FUN Topics Editor, Numismatic Literary Guild Award
for Best Paper Money Article, "Women Find a Place on Three US Bank Notes".
COINage Magazine.