

# FREE \$25 OLD SILVER DIMES!

100 Gem BU NGC Certified MS65 "Mercury" Dimes Dated 1943 & 1945

## 2018 - The Year for Young Numismatist Memberships

A few years ago, I purchased an estate coin collection that included original bank wrapped rolls of cents through halves, all minted in the 1940s. A local attorney had set them aside in the years of issue, passed them on to his children and his attorney son representing the family then sold them to me. I sold most of that collection at the 2016 FUN Show in Tampa, but kept the Mercury Dime rolls to be used for something special in the future. A year later, I sent the small roll hoard to NGC for certification and grading. During 2017, I decided to select 100 pieces that NGC graded MS65 and offer them as a gift to young people who were showing interest in the hobby. Today, those coins are now with FUN management for distribution at their January 2018 coin show in Tampa.

Many of us can remember that first awesome coin we held in our hands as a child. For me, it was the Morgan Dollar that my grandfather gave me in 1959. I could barely close my tiny five-year-old hand around it. At age six, an uncle gave me a 1960 Redbook and I was off and running. If transported to the modern age, it was like getting an iPhone packed with a world of new information to discover - and memorize! Like many youngsters today, my interest in collecting coins exploded around age 12 and there was no looking back.

Today, budding young coin collectors often thrive in the online environment. Being perhaps best labeled as an ancient *Techniphobus Extincticus*, I am certainly no authority on the subject. But reliable reports - see the Rare Coin Market Report, November-December 2017, page 165 - tell of a lively young coin community using **Instagram** to not only share numismatic information, but also to be actively engaged in buying & selling thousands of coins. The 19 year-old author of that article "has amassed over 6,000 followers" on Instagram, "a considerable portion of which are under the age of 18!"

With that reality in mind, we older ones are pleased to nurture and support this newest manifestation of our ancient "Hobby of Kings" as today's Young Numismatists work hard to perhaps bring about the "Hobby of Princes" and "Princesses." I encourage all who have many years of numismatic enjoyment behind them to support this initiative to stimulate a new wave of numismatic up-and-comers! Please follow the easy three steps listed below. Plant a gem quality 73-75 year old NGC certified coin into the hand of your granddaughter, grandson, niece, nephew, or neighbor up the street and watch the interest grow. Offer to take them to great coin shows like the largest in America's annual Florida United Numismatists show and introduce them to FUN YN director Tony Bonaro who always has great activities planned for YNs of all ages.

### Do your part and truly make 2018 "The Year of Young Numismatists!"



### DEALER CHALLENGE:

Please consider making a similar YN offering throughout 2018. Reward new memberships in great national & state coin clubs like ANA, GNA, CSNS, MSNS, and so forth. Create a tangible YN promotion for your closest active local coin club. Put a 2018 Silver Eagle in their hands, or a vintage Morgan or Peace Dollar. Set aside some choice AU Walkers or even BU Buffalos and get the momentum going. Open up a vast new army of energetic, enthusiastic coin collectors and set them loose. Like an Olympic relay, hand them the numismatic baton and see what they can do!

### HOW TO GET YOUR FREE COIN Look for the sign at the registration desk

- 1) Buy (or extend) one adult one-year membership for \$20.
- 2) Sponsor and buy one NEW YN Membership for \$5.
- 3) Gift the free \$25 coin to the NEW YN!



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