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President's Message

Greetings South Carolina Numismatists,



First, for those who have suffered the effects of hurricane Irma along the coast, here's hoping that you are safe and that the recovery is going well and you are receiving the services necessary to fix any problems that the storms brought. As someone who was in that same position for the past two years, I have felt your pain and know what is involved when you have damage to your home and/or business. It is a long process dealing with inspectors, contractors, banks and adjusters.

The fall is a great time to get out to a coin show! Many SCNA member clubs hold shows in September, October and November and plans are already underway for the South Carolina Numismatic Association's 45th Annual Convention at the Spartanburg Memorial Coliseum on October 27-29, 2017. Even though we are in a new location, Bourse chairman Dr. Tony Chibbaro has a wonderful program planned with educational talks, a Young Numismatist program and competitive exhibits for prizes which include cash certificates that can be used at the show! We will be in the same location as the Upstate South Carolina Show which is held in February of each year.

Finally, for those who do not know already, I have moved from Charleston and now live in Las Vegas. This event has lead me to decide that my tenure as SCNA president will be coming to an end this year. I want to thank the SCNA Board of Directors and officers for all of the work that they put into making the SCNA run smoothly. We will be electing a new president and officers this year so be sure to look for your ballot in the mail and fill it out and mail it back! It will usher in a new era for the South Carolina Numismatic Association with new leadership and a shared desire to lead us forward. I plan on remaining on the Board as the past president.

I hope to see you at the Convention in October.

Erik

Erik S. Larsen
President
South Carolina Numismatic Association

From The Editor:

This issue is packed full of useful information as well as guest articles, please take the time to read it and of course look for publishing errors.



by

It's hard to believe another year has flown by and the SCNA convention is right around the corner. Bourse Chairman Tony Chibbaro is stepping down and making way for Bill Latour to take the "helm" and continue to take the show in a successful direction. We can't thank Tony enough for the years of service as the bourse chairman and to the SCNA and it's members and now look forward to Bill's leadership.

I would also like to thank President Erik Larsen for his service and dedication to the SCNA and it's membership who is stepping down after his move to Las Vegas this year. We will be electing a new President so be sure to vote.

A couple of key items to look for in this issue are the new travel incentives for Member Clubs as well as YN youth exhibitors for the SCNA Convention in Spartanburg, SC.

Last but not least, help us grow the hobby by mentoring a new numismatist. Membership in the SCNA, as well as, member clubs are affordable so please sponsor or encourage others to be a part of this hobby and organization.

Steve Twitty

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It is a pleasure to welcome the latest additions to our SCNA family and we thank you for your support. We trust that your association with the SCNA will be a rewarding and educational experience for years to come!

New Members

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1929 – Pierre Fricke

1930 – Ralph W. Ford

1931 – Robert J. Catron

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Adult \$12.00

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**Eligible after 1 year of regular membership*

Robert W. Ross III

YOUNG NUMISMATIST of the YEAR AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the **2018** Award.

The rules are as follows:

1. Eligibility: no more than 18 years of age.
2. Membership: in both local club and SCNA.
3. Achievements must be in the numismatic field.
4. Achievements must be described in written form and should be accompanied by pictures, if available.
5. Picture of nominee should accompany nomination.
6. Nominations must be submitted by local club no later than **September 1, 2018**
7. Nominations will be sent to:

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Keep [insurance coverage](#) up to date and adequate

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2018 Spring Coin Show

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From 9am until 3pm

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Contact The Camden Coin Club at
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**2018 South Carolina Numismatic Convention
October 26, 27 & 28, 2018
TD Convention Center, Greenville, SC**



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Coin Collecting

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- Must register by Oct 20, 2017, E-mail to register:

SCNA_Webmaster@yahoo.com

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Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium
385 N Church St, Spartanburg, SC 29303

October 28, 2017



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Attention Member Clubs
We want you to come and enjoy the
5th Annual SCNA Convention!!

The SCNA will reimburse your club up to \$300.00 for rental of a vehicle/van to bring club members to the convention.

The member club must bring a minimum of 4 members and present a receipt from a car rental company.

*Restrictions for this program are simple: 4 member minimum and member club is more than 100 miles from the convention.



SCNA CONVENTION
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SCNA extends its sincere appreciation to the volunteers who worked at the 2016 Convention.

We need volunteers again this year
October 27-29th, 2017,

Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium Spartanburg, SC.
People are needed to help set up and take down the showroom, run errands during the show, and work at the registration table during the show.

Anyone interested in helping at the show should contact:
Tony Chibbaro P. O. Box 420 Prosperity, South Carolina 29127
chibbaro@mindspring.com
803-252-1881 (Res) * 803-364-2726 (Bus)

AREA COIN CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all the clubs that submitted news for the Scanner.
If you know your club has news to share please send that information as soon as it is ready for publication. We want to spread the news around and acknowledge the clubs and all the hard work you are doing.

Camden Coin Club News

The Club will resume its twice monthly meeting schedule in September after it's once monthly summer schedule.

Planning for our fall show on September 16 has been underway all summer. The show will be held at Camden Recreation Department, 1042 West DeKalb Street, Camden SC 29020. We expect most of the dealer from the fall show to return. The show hours will be from 9 am until 3 pm. We are expecting a full Bourse.

We have scheduled our spring show for March 17, 2018.

The Camden Coin Club meets twice per month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's at FIRST COMMUNITY BANK BUILDING, 631 WEST DEKALB STEET, CAMDEN, SC. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Augusta Coin & Stephen James CSRA Club News

Take a look at these websites for these two coin clubs. Their newsletters are published there and have a wealth of information for numismatists young and old. Meeting schedules and show dates can also be found there.

www.sjcsracc.org
www.augustacoinclub.org

SCNA AWARDS TWO ANV

Midlands Coin Club News

Update for the Midlands Coin Club

The summer is usually slower than the rest of the year.....but we have seen many members at our meetings. We even picked up some new members. Our normal meeting location at 1800 12th Street, Cayce, SC has seen some flooding damage which has prevented us from meeting there since May. However we will not let a little water damage deter us. We have been meeting at the Ashford neighborhood clubhouse in Irmo since June. They have been gracious enough to let us use the nice facility at no charge and will continue to do so until November. The address is 324 Gleneagle Circle, Irmo, SC 29063. Despite the venue change, participation and auction items/sales have been great! We invite you to join us. Hopefully we will be back at the Cayce Historical museum by November. Check the website and our Facebook page for more details.

Our next show is November 4th in Columbia the weekend after the state show. We expect good crowds and a sellout bourse floor. We will be at the same location as before, American Legion Hall #6, 200 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29201. There will be something there for everyone. Coins, currency, tokens and medals. The hours are 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM, Saturday only. For table information call Jimmy Boland, 803-787-0363, 803-896-7721, or e-mail: jamesboland@scdps.net. We will also be hosting a Boy Scout coin collecting merit badge program starting at 10:00 AM. For information on the Boy Scout program E-mail Gator29063@aol.com for details or to sign up.

For up to date information on our club, please visit our website at www.midlandscoinclub.com or "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/midlandscoinclub. Join a local coin club today!



**SOUTH CAROLINA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
EXHIBIT APPLICATION
2017 CONVENTION- October 27-29th**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Title of Exhibit _____

Category (Check One) _____ US Coins _____ US Paper Money
 _____ Foreign _____ Exonumia (Tokens, Medals, etc.)

Circle One: Competitive Jr (see below) Competitive Sr. or
Non- Competitive

Junior Exhibitor's must be 18 years or younger on November 3, 2017
Birth Date for Juniors Only _____

Parents or guardians must sign below to authorize Juniors Exhibitors
to Exhibit.

(There is a four (4) case maximum per exhibitor unless previously
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Number of cases _____ Are you bringing you own cases? Yes/No

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Exhibitors SCNA Membership # _____ **Date** _____

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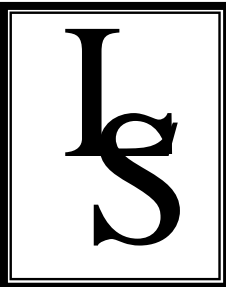
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45th Annual S.C.N.A. Convention
Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium
385 N. Church St
Spartanburg, SC 29303
October 27-29th, 2017

Schedule of Events

<u>Thursday, October 26, 2017</u>		<u>Location</u>
5:00 pm	Dealer Set-Up, Security Begins	Lower Arena
9:00 pm	Convention Area Closes	
<u>Friday, October 27, 2017</u>		
8:00 am	Convention Area Opens to Dealers	Lower Arena
10:00 am	Ribbon Cutting	Lower Arena
	Convention Area Opens to Public	
6:00 pm	Convention Area Closes to Public	
6:30 pm	Convention Area Closes to Everyone	
<u>Saturday, October 28, 2017</u>		
8:00 am	Convention Area Opens to Dealers	Lower Arena
8:30 am	SCNA Executive Board Meeting	Lower Arena
9:00 am	SCNA General Membership Mtg	Lower Arena
10:00 am	Convention Area Opens to Public	
10:00 am	Boy Scout Merit Badge Session 1	Lower Arena
1:00 pm	SCNA Young Numismatist Program	Lower Arena
6:00 pm	Convention Area Closes to Public	
6:30 pm	Convention Area Closes to Everyone	
<u>Sunday, October 29, 2017</u>		
8:30 am	Awards Breakfast & Installation of Officers	Lower Arena
9:15 am	New Executive Board Meeting	Lower Arena
9:30 am	Convention Area Opens to Dealers	Lower Arena
10:00 am	Convention Area Opens to Public	
3:00 pm	Convention Area Closes to Public	
3:30 pm	Convention Area Closes to Everyone	
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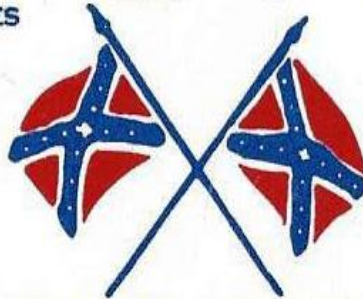


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CALLING ALL YOUNG NUMISMATISTS!



The South Carolina Numismatic Association will hold its annual Convention at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium in Spartanburg, SC
October 27-29, 2017.

*First Place winner for YN's will be given 10 \$10 Gift Certificates
(total of \$100) for use at the show.*

*Second Place winner for YN's will be given 7 \$10 Gift Certificates
(total of \$70) for use at the show.*

*Third Place winner for YN's will be given 5 \$10 Gift Certificates
(total of \$50) for use at the show.*

*Honorable Mention winners for YN's will be given 2 \$10 Gift Certificates
(total of \$20) for use at the show.*

The SCNA will provide locked cases for each Exhibitor.

YN's can set up their exhibits Saturday Morning, have their exhibits judged during the YN Program. The winners will be announced at the end of the YN Program. All winners will receive their gift certificates to spend after the program. Exhibits may be dismantled after the awards are presented. Mom and Dad do not need to spend the night, but if you desire to travel in and stay either Friday or Saturday night, **SCNA now has a travel incentive**. Families can receive reimbursement up to \$125.00 for lodging if their child is exhibiting at the convention. Please contact the exhibit chair for questions/rules regarding this travel incentive. Applications and Rules are available online at the SCNA website www.sc-na.org.

Applications are due October 15, 2017.

All YN exhibitors must be members of the SCNA. All questions can be directed to the SCNA Exhibits program chairman,
Bruce Getman/ Exhibits Chair
161 Providence Point Lane

The ANA's Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year Shelby Plooster, Evans, GA

Evans, Georgia, native Shelby Plooster was named the 2017 Outstanding Young Numistist (YN) of the Year during the ANA Summer Seminar held in Colorado Springs in June. "Receiving this award means that maybe one day I'll be able to inspire a young collector and support him or her just as numerous clubs and other numismatists have done for me." says Plooster. "I'm truly honored and thankful for everything the ANA has done to educate me and develop my love of numismatics."

The 17-year-old began collecting in the 5th grade, when she discovered some Early American coins in a antique shop. She has been making a

name for herself in the hobby ever since. A member of the Augusta Coin Club (ACC), South Carolina Numismatic Association (SCNA) and Women in Numismatics (WIN), Plooster has given numerous presentations at local and regional clubs on topics ranging from the 1923 Silver Certificate star notes to coins of the 1996 Olympics. She has written articles for the AA's newsletter and SCanner, the SCNA's official publication, and her exhibits twice have won first prize at the latter's regional shows. She also was named SCNA's YN of the year in 2014.



Plooster is a gifted artist and displayed her multi-media collages at the ANA's "Art of Engraving" exhibit and reception during the 2017 Summer Seminar. A regular at the two week event since attending on an SCNA scholarship in 2014, she feels it is the responsibility of established numismatist to mentor YN's and help ensure their success.

"The hobby needs to encourage the next generation of collectors in order to move forward. It is very important that we do everything in our power to encourage people to join the ANA," she says, adding that one person who has guided her is local coin shop owner and ACC member Larry Lucree. "He taught me, and continues to teach me, so much about numismatics. I feel blessed to learn from him."

The YN Corner

By Greg Stowers

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Greetings Young Collectors!!!

The YN Corner is a column for our young numismatists (YN).

If you have any collecting questions or suggestions, you can contact me at:

GSSTOWERS@MSN.COM.

Welcome back Young Collectors! The South Carolina Numismatic Association has just received some of the greatest news in the history of the organization for one of our members. **The American Numismatic Association has named Ms. Shelby Plooster of Evans, Georgia, as the 2017 Young Numismatist (YN) of the Year.** This is the top award any young person can receive in the United States for numismatist. SCNA is so very proud of this young lady and we wish her great success for the future. Be sure to read the full article on Shelby in this issue of the Scanner.

2018 America the Beautiful Quarters: Have you found plenty of the 2017 quarters yet? I suspect, like me, it has been a challenge to find “D” or even the “S” mint-marked quarters. The mint will be releasing five new quarters in 2018: Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Michigan; Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Wisconsin; Voyageurs National Park, Minnesota; Cumberland Island National Seashore, Georgia; and Block Island National Wildlife Refuge, Rhode Island. If you are saving this series of coins they make a very attractive collection. However, most people have never heard of these places and it is very hard to remember the names and details of these historic coins. Do not give up collecting like many others. I would still like to hear from any reader who finds any unusual or interesting coins from your change so I can share this information with others.

Have you taken advantage of this free offer yet? Schools are now back in session and your report cards should be arriving before you know it. This is a great reward for students with good grades. If you earn 3 or more A’s in school the American Numismatic Association will send you a coin and a 6-month free basic membership in the organization. Send a copy of your report card with 3 or more A’s to: Rod Gillis, Numismatic Educator, American Numismatic Association, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903 or via email to rgillis@money.org. **The free gifts are available each marking period.** For more information on the program, visit the ANA at www.money.org.

ANA Summer Seminar applications for 2018: The SCNA is now looking for a serious YN to attend the 2018 ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. **No applications have been received for the scholarship for the past several years.** The Austin M. Sheheen, Jr. YN Scholarship program awards a **\$2000.00** scholarship for tuition, room and board, and transportation to a deserving YN for a week’s session at an ANA workshop and is active. Further information on the ANA Summer Seminar can

be found on the ANA's website at www.money.org. The program is open to SCNA YN members age 13 to 18. Applications can be found in the SCanner; by contacting Pascal Brock, SCNA Secretary, P.O. Box 693, Lugoff, SC 29078 or psbrock@truvista.net; or by visiting the YN table at the 2017 SCNA Convention. The completed application and supporting documents for the 2018 scholarship must be received no later than December 31, 2017. Do not wait until the last minute to apply for this special program.

News on the 2017 SCNA Convention! Due to construction and scheduling issues at the TD Convention Center in Greenville, the SCNA leaders have decided to move the Convention site to the Spartanburg Auditorium for October 27, 28, and 29, 2017. All programs and dealers will be making the move to the new building. For more information keep checking future issues of the SCanner and the SCNA website.

Here is a preview of the 2017 Convention YN Program:

Free parking and free admission to the Convention in Spartanburg, S.C.

Free numismatic items and YN information at the YN Table. Information and applications for the Austin M. Sheheen, Jr. YN Scholarship program and the ANA Summer Seminar program can be found at the YN table.

The U.S. Mint will not be at the Convention this year. SCNA will determine if arrangements can be made for their return in the future and will advise the membership in the future.

The Exhibition program has gift certificates and awards for exhibiting YN's. Presentations to winners are made at the Saturday afternoon YN Program. YNs can set up and show their exhibit for all three days of the Convention or can elect to set up, exhibit their collection, and then take down their items all on Saturday. An overnight stay for YN exhibitors and their family is available by arrangement with the SCNA Exhibit chairperson. **(SCNA membership is needed to enter an exhibit into competition.)**

Saturday is YN Program day. There will be special presentations, an education program and gift bags presented at the end of the program. **(SCNA membership is not required to attend.)**

Free admission for SCNA members to the Sunday morning Awards Program and breakfast.

A Reminder about SCNA YN Membership: Being an YN member of the South Carolina Numismatic Association can be rewarding, fun and inexpensive. **The YN rate for membership remains at \$1.00 a year!** For this dollar you get three issues of the SCanner each year, can enter an exhibit for gift certificates and awards at the SCNA Convention, eligible to apply for a \$2000.00 scholarship, entry to the SCNA Awards program and breakfast, and support the operations of the Convention and organization.

2017 SCNA Convention Special: If you want to renew or join SCNA, submit a membership application and you will receive a free one year YN membership.

If anyone needs further information about this organization or the State Convention, be sure to check the web-site at **WWW.SC-NA.ORG**.

Until next time, Happy Hunting!

Greg Stowers



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Old and New Gold Commemoratives, Some Collectible Possibilities

By Mark Benvenuto

The United States commemorative coin program gets chopped into two large chunks for the simple reason that the Mint pounded out a lot of commems from 1892 – 1954, on Congress' orders, then didn't really get back into the game until 1982, at which time what we now call the modern commemorative series was born. In those two broad segments there are obviously going to be some coins that are more expensive than others. Let's look at the king of the coinage metals – gold – and see if we can find any that might qualify as affordable, in either portion.



The classics first:

Collecting what are now called classic commemorative coins had something of a heyday in the 1980's, right as the grading services were getting themselves established. There was a lot of ink spilled in the numismatic press then about how rare a specific commem was in one high mint state grade versus another. But now that some time has passed, folks appear to have realized that while this is a neat series, there is a lot more within U.S. numismatics to consider and to collect.

Still, when it comes to gold, the whole classic commemorative series offers: 9 gold dollars, 2 gold half eagles, and 2 quite rare \$50 gold pieces. Looking at the big guns first, the \$50 gold pieces are the round and octagonal version of the Panama-Pacific Expo.

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Less than one thousand of each were made, and when one does come up for auction today, the vast majority of us mere mortals – people who don't sleep on beds made of money – sigh and read about any bidding war that erupted. So, the smaller pieces are what we might be interested in.

Moving down in size to the quarter eagles, this duet comprises the \$2.50 of the Panama-Pacific Expo, and the 1926 piece commemorating the sesquicentennial of U.S. independence. That Pan-Pac quarter eagle has an atrociously low mintage (6,749 coins), and thus a hefty price tag today. The sesqui piece has a significantly higher mintage of 46,019 coins, and a price tag down at about \$600 for one in the low end of mint state.

Let's keep that price tag in mind as we get down to the gold dollars of the classic commemorative series. Scanning price lists that include all of them from the two different 1903 Louisiana Purchase dollars up to the two different varieties of Grant Memorial gold dollars issued in 1922 indicates that the two different dates for the McKinley Memorial, dated 1916 and 1917, are the only ones at about the same price as the just-mentioned quarter eagle. These might actually turn out to be a bargain (if you can get them), as the 1916 saw only 15,000 originally minted, and the 1917 sported only 5,000 as its total. The challenge is definitely going to be finding one or both of them.



Next, the modern commems:

A bit like the classic commemoratives, in 1982 when the Washington half dollar was unveiled, there was no real plan as to what denominations would become the work horse coins for any new commemorative program. With the passage of a few years in the 1980's, it looked like the pattern that would emerge was going to be: base-metal half dollar, silver dollar, and gold five-dollar coin. But also as with the classic series, eventually there were enough themes commemorated that only the most imaginative of us could lay claim to seeing any pattern at all!

Despite this apparent lack of a grand design, the passage of three decades since the inception of the new commemorative program means there are now enough coins in it that a savvy person can put together some interesting series. Thus, the first gold we might consider is – the first gold! More specifically, we are talking about the \$10 eagles issued for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. These came out of four different Mints, including that at West Point, and interestingly can be purchased in five forms. What we mean is that there are proofs from Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco, and West Point, with the 'W' mint mark being the most common by far. But there are also the uncirculated pieces that were produced at West Point.

Before we go on, let's take a moment to dwell on this proof-versus-uncirculated phenomenon. For much of the modern commem series, orders have been filled as people place them. And, as one might imagine, more orders are placed for proofs than uncircs, simply because folks like them better. They are beautiful. They are the height of the minting art. But the end result means that the uncircs sometimes cost more with the passage of time. This isn't an instruction on what to buy. Rather, it's an explanation of what we might see as we look for good modern gold.

In 1986 the Mint pounded out three beautiful coins commemorating the centennial of the Statute of Liberty, including a \$5 gold piece, the first time the denomination had been issued in more than five decades. The artistry is that of Elizabeth Jones, and proves that beyond a doubt the Mint had an amazingly talented Chief Engraver at the time. The proof mintage was hefty enough, at 404,013, that they are pretty affordable today. A person can add one to a growing collection for about \$350.

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Overall, there is collectible gold among the classic and the modern United States commemorative coin programs. We could both have some fun and learn some history as we try to assemble a collection of our own.

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The National Park Quarter program is another great idea. These coins can be found easily in everyday use. Just get a folder and show your child how to place the proper coin in the proper place.

Some other coins that work well for the beginner are Wheat Cents, Indian Head Cents, Mercury Dimes, Jefferson Nickels and Roosevelt Dimes. Once you and your child decide on what type of coin(s) they want to collect just obtain the corresponding coin folders or albums to organize and display the coins in as they are sorted.

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature of Applicant (YN)

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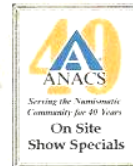
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