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America the Beautiful Quarters Introduced

By CoinNews.net

The U.S. Mint announced the design themes for the next 56 US quarters and the massive commemorative silver bullion coins that will be issued between 2010 to 2021.

It also formerly introduced the name of the new series, calling it the U.S. Mint America the Beautiful Quarters™ Program. (Coin collectors will note the name excludes the words "parks" or "sites," as the upcoming series had most often been described till today.

"These new quarters will honor some of our most revered, treasured and beautiful national sites — majestic and historic places located throughout the United States and its territories that truly make us 'America the Beautiful,'" said US Mint Director Ed Moy.

During the next 11 years and at a rate of 5 per year, the reverse or tails side of each quarter will feature a design emblematic of a national park or site in each state, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.

The five America the Beautiful Quarters for release in 2010 will honor the following national sites:

- * Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas,
- * Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming,
- * Yosemite National Park in California,
- * Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona and
- * Mount Hood National Forest in Oregon.

Yellowstone is America's first national park having been established in 1872. However, it will be featured second in somewhat of a surprise. Hot Springs National Park earns the honor of having received a reserve designation in 1832—it became a National Park in 1922.

The obverse or heads side of each quarter will bear a restored version of the historic George Washington portrait which was first featured on the quarter-dollar in 1932. William Cousins modified that design slightly and his work has been seen on quarters since the 1999 launch of the 50 State Quarters Program. The new portrait is to include, according to a US Mint statement, "subtle details and the beauty of the original model."

The US Mint has already added the quarter-dollars to its subscription service. Customers can pre-order rolls, bags and other products with the coins now, and they will be delivered when they are released by the Mint.

In addition to the new quarters, .999 fine silver bullion coins will be issued with designs that are "exact duplicates of the quarter dollars."

They will be especially unique, with their massive 3 inches in diameters. Each will weigh 5 ounces, with the fineness and weight edge-incused.

These will be amazing in size, as they will quite easily dwarf current US bullion coinage — as a comparison, the popular American Eagle silver coin is an already large 1.598 inches and includes a full ounce of silver.

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America the Beautiful Quarters Release Schedule

The following release schedule provides a list for the quarters by year, location, name and the established national park or national site year.

- 2010 Arkansas, Hot Springs National Park, 1832
Wyoming, Yellowstone National Park, 1872
California, Yosemite National Park, 1890
Arizona, Grand Canyon National Park, 1893
Oregon, Mt. Hood National Forest, 1893
- 2011 Pennsylvania, Gettysburg National Military Park, 1895
Montana, Glacier National Park, 1897
Washington, Olympic National Park, 1897
Mississippi, Vicksburg National Military Park, 1899
Oklahoma, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, 1902
- 2012 Puerto Rico, El Yunque National Forest, 1903
New Mexico, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, 1907
Maine, Acadia National Park, 1916
Hawaii, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, 1916
Alaska, Denali National Park, 1917
- 2013 New Hampshire, White Mountain National Forest, 1918
Ohio, Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, 1919
Nevada, Great Basin National Park, 1922
Maryland, Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, 1925
South Dakota, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, 1925
- 2014 Tennessee, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 1926
Virginia, Shenandoah National Park, 1926
Utah, Arches National Park, 1929
Colorado, Great Sand Dunes National Park, 1932
Florida, Everglades National Park, 1934
- 2015 Nebraska, Homestead National Monument of America, 1936
Louisiana, Kisatchie National Forest, 1936
North Carolina, Blue Ridge Parkway, 1936
Delaware, Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, 1937
New York, Saratoga National Historical Park, 1938
- 2016 Illinois, Shawnee National Forest, 1939
Kentucky, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, 1940
West Virginia, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, 1944
North Dakota, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, 1946
South Carolina, Fort Moultrie (Fort Sumter National Monument), 1948
- 2017 Iowa, Effigy Mounds National Monument, 1949
District of Columbia, Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, 1962
Missouri, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, 1964
New Jersey, Ellis Island National Monument (Statue of Liberty), 1965
Indiana, George Rogers Clark National Historical Park, 1966



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- 2018 Michigan, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, 1966
 Wisconsin, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, 1970
 Minnesota, Voyageurs National Park, 1971
 Georgia, Cumberland Island National Seashore, 1972
 Rhode Island, Block Island National Wildlife Refuge, 1973
- 2019 Massachusetts, Lowell National Historical Park, 1978
 Northern Mariana Islands, American Memorial Park, 1978
 Guam, War in the Pacific National Historical Park, 1978
 Texas, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, 1978
 Idaho, Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, 1980
- 2020 American Samoa, National Park of American Samoa, 1988
 Connecticut, Weir Farm National Historic Site, 1990
 U.S. Virgin Islands, Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve, 1992
 Vermont, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, 1992
 Kansas, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, 1996
- 2021 Alabama, Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, 1998 JvB

2009 Presidential Dollar Coins

The United States Mint's third year of the program, the Presidential dollar will be featuring the faces of our 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th presidents:

- * William Henry Harrison * John Tyler * James K. Polk * Zachary Taylor

One major difference will be seen on the Presidential dollars beginning with the 2009 issues. Up until 2009, all Presidential dollars have had the motto "In God We Trust" placed on the edge, along with the date, mint mark, and inscription "E Pluribus Unum." Beginning in 2009, "In God We Trust" will be located on the obverse of the coin, under the left side of the president's portrait.

The inscription "In God We Trust" was moved pursuant to a provision in The Consolidated Appropriations Act that Congress passed in 2008, which calls for moving the motto to the front of the coin.

The U.S. Mint says that the designs for the 2009 Presidential dollars derive from images on White House portraits, intaglio prints, and medal designs.

Now, where will you be able to find these Presidential dollar coins?

- * Your local bank should have a nice supply of mint-fresh Presidential dollar coins available.
- * Many stores have been making an effort to help along the circulation of dollar coins by keeping them in their cash register tills
- * Many vending machines also return dollar coins in change.
- * Coin dealers sell Presidential dollars.
- * The U.S. Mint also sells dollar coins in bags, rolls, and sets.



What Is An Un-circulated Coin?

By Lana Hampton

You may have heard the terms proof coin and un-circulated coin, but what's the difference between these two? To understand the difference between a proof and un-circulated coin, let's first answer the question, "What is an un-circulated coin?"

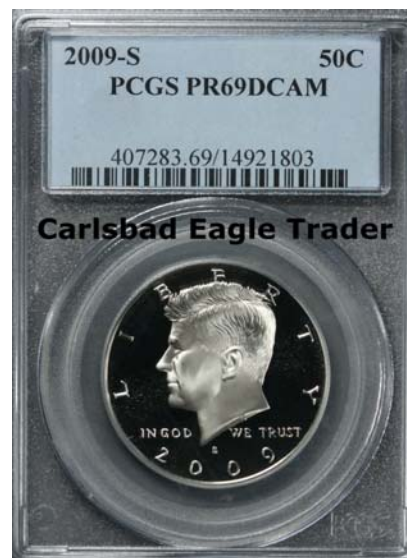
Un-circulated means a coin has not had any wear, such as the wear a coin might experience when it is used in commerce. Handling a coin, as well as improperly storing a coin, can result in wear on the surface of the coin. This wear, even if very minor, will cause a coin to no longer grade un-circulated.

When coins are minted they often bump into each other and receive small nicks and abrasion marks during the production process. These marks also occur as coins are transported in large canvas bags. These marks, sometimes called "bag marks", are more noticeable on larger coins, such as half dollars and dollars. Typical "bag marks" do not keep a coin from grading un-circulated. However, they can be an indicator of how high of a grade the un-circulated coin might receive.

Current accepted grading standards provide for a range of un-circulated grades, from the grade of MS-60 to MS-70. MS60 would be a lower grade (yet still) un-circulated coin with normal bag marks for that type of coin. Anything below MS-60 would not be considered un-circulated. MS70 would be the perfect "ideal" coin. Some coins are rare in grades MS65 to MS70, and even unheard of in MS70 grade. (The attribute "MS" stands for "mint state".)

A newly minted proof coin is also un-circulated, however it is the way it is made that causes a difference in appearance and qualifies it as a "proof". To understand this, let's look at how coins are made. Coins are produced when two dies strike a blank piece of metal with tremendous force. One die is engraved with the front (obverse) design for the coin. The other die has the back (reverse) coin design on it.

A proof coin is made with a specially polished and treated die! By treating the die in a special way, the coins it produces have a different appearance. Modern technology allows the high points on the coin design to be acid treated (on the die). The background (field) design of the coin die is polished, resulting in a mirror-like look on the coin it strikes. This gives the finished coin a frosted look (frosting) on the raise parts of the design, with a mirror like finish on the background. This contrasting finish is often called "cameo". On some older coins a cameo appearance is quite rare. The attribute "CAM", when added to a coin's description, means cameo appearance. "DCAM" means deep cameo, and indicates the cameo appearance is strong and easy to observe.



Club News From September

The September meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM with 33 people present, including 7 new guests and 2 old guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack vB. Bill Chin won the membership drawing of \$3, which he took in tickets. The minutes for August were approved, followed by the Treasurer's report.

Once again, the turnout of 33 people at the meeting set a new record for our coin club. Thank you one and all for taking time out of your busy lives to attend our meetings.

NEW GUESTS

Harold—Lives in El Segundo, saw our club on Craigslist. Brought some of his father's coins to sell.

Joshua Mussman—Came with his father, an old guest. Both joined the club.

Samantha Pahl—Daughter of member, Rob Pahl. She joined the club. Welcome Samantha!

Barbara Wilson—Mother of member, Eric Petersen and grandmother of member, Ryan Petersen.

Yvette Radell—Wife of member, Steve Radell.

Scott & Tyler Gobble—Father & son team—they both joined our club. Hooray!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jack vB.—Passed out a member badges to our newest members that were present.

Jack dB.—Attended the Long Beach Coin Show today—said there were a lot of empty tables.

Steve D.—Was at the LB Show as a dealer—said it was mainly a dealer day with low attendance.

Steve D.—Attended the Golden State Coin Club's annual gold drawing. Our Vice-president, Richard N. won two gold coins in the drawing—a 1/10 oz. American Eagle and a Dos Peso. Our club received \$34 from the sale of drawing tickets.

Ryan P.—Our youngest member wore his Boy Scout uniform tonight to give a short talk about his earning the Coin Collecting Merit Badge (his first merit badge) and also about his attendance at the ANA World's Fair of Money in August. Ryan is now a First Class Scout with 11 merit badges. Well done, Ryan!

SHOW AND TELL

Jack vB.—A State of Georgia \$5 note from 1862 that he purchased on eBay. Also a \$20 error note that had a red line on the right end that indicates the end of the paper roll. It should have been discarded during inspection.

Bill C.—A proof set from the Bahamas, minted by the Franklin Mint.

Steve R.—Seven non-coins—Various tokens and medallions from coin expos, etc. He also had a Mad magazine, "Mad's Talking Stamps" book that he picked up at a yard sale along with a small container of aluminum coins from Austria that he was giving away.

George S.—A collection of Commemorative Ruble coins that he purchased in 1992 while on a river cruise on the Volga River.

Eric A.—Two notes he purchased at the LB coin show. They are fancy number bills in PCGS holders—one was V 00000054 H and the other was C 88888886 C. Great notes for liar's poker!

John F.—Metal detecting coin finds—some new dollar coins and a new 2009 Lincoln cent. He had two rolls of new dollar coins for sale at face value. Thanks John!

Steve D.—A 1935 silver quarter that he received in change at the Long Beach Coin Show today.

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August Club News-Continued

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT—John Sherman

John started collecting in 1964 after attending a coin show with a friend. He purchased a 1923 Lincoln cent for \$1, that is not even worth that amount today. He purchased an 1883-CC MS-60+ silver dollar in the GSA sale for \$32 that turned out to be a winner. He also purchased a 1976 six piece clad proof set for \$7 that he sold for a small profit. If he would have kept it, it would now be worth about \$4.

In 1980, at age 19, he attended a coin show as a dealer. He learned a valuable lesson about being more security conscious as he had a coin stolen from him. He purchased five rolls of silver coins that he ended up selling for scrap silver at 7.2 times face value. That was a good profit.

In 1983 he attended his first auction—Michael Aron that turned out to be a bad experience.

In 1984 he purchased three Canadian Maple Leaf bullion coins which he kept for a long time. Then in 1999 gold fell way down, but by 2009 gold is up to \$1K/oz. Since he purchased them for \$650 each, his profit amounts to about 4% per year over the whole period.

In 1989 he started putting together a commemorative set which he completed in 1993 or 4 so he decided to sell the set. Then he found out that three of the coins were counterfeit.

Throughout the years a lady friend of his has been a big help finding him the coins he wants to buy. He is keeping her name secret for personal reasons. However, she has helped other club members find coins via John from time to time.

He brought in two coins to show the members that he is particularly fond of: a 1889-CC Morgan dollar and an 1892 Quarter Eagle. Both are very rare coins.

BREAK TIME

Carol Craft brought the eats—a finely decorated cake that said, "COIN CLUB", that was delicious. Also a fruit bowl, grapes, chips and sodas. Jack vB. added a loaf of home-made banana bread and Eric & Ryan P. added various rolls and breads. What a fine layout—thanks to Carol and the guys.

COIN AUCTION

We had many lots from five groups that were auctioned off with lively bidding on a couple lots.

COIN RAFFLE

The Secretary/Editor was a little discombobulated and missed several of the coin descriptions & recipients. I'm sorry for the lapse of attention. The ones that I did get are listed below.

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| 1.) 1898-P—Liberty 5c-??? | 8.) 1930-S—St. Liberty 25c-Gordon W. |
| 2.) 1936-P—Liberty 5c-Neil H. | 9.) 1953-S—Wash. 25c-George G. |
| 3.) 1943-P—Jefferson 5c-??? | 10.) 1929-S—Walker 50c-Jack dB. |
| 4.) 1912-S—Barber 10c-Blake P. (guest) | 11.) 1961-D—Franklin 50c-Bernie M. |
| 5.) 1964-D—Roosevelt 10c-??? | 12.) 1967-P—Kennedy 50c-Jack dB. |
| 6.) ????-?-?????????? 10c-Steve D. | 13.) 1976-D—Bicentennial \$1-Steve R. |
| 7.) 1908-P—Barber 25c-John R. | |

WANT LIST

There were no entries this month.

Six new members signed up tonight—bringing our membership total to 38!!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

President's Message
OCTOBER 2009

While attending the Long Beach Coin Show, I bumped into Phil Iverson. Phil is a lifetime member of our club; he has been involved on committees of the NASC; and he has also served as Treasurer of the now defunct Bay Cities Coin Club in Santa Monica. When he saw me, he pulled me off to one side and we spoke for about half an hour. Basically, he is in the process of closing down the Bay Cities Coin Club and plans to do so by the end of this year unless another club (like the Culver City Coin Club – he hopes) decides to take advantage of his proposal. Here is his proposal.

If we would be willing to change the name of our club to the Bay Cities Coin Club, Phil would, as the sole remaining officer and member of the Bay Cities Coin Club, transfer that club's registration and tax documents supporting charitable organization status, as well as its remaining bank account, to us. Essentially, all we need to do is agree by membership vote to change the name from Culver City Coin Club to the Bay Cities Coin Club and Phil would hand over the documents and bank account already established under that name. Phil would not disclose to me the amount remaining in the bank account as he did not want the money to be the over-riding consideration. He prefers that a club that is actively involved in coin collecting activities be the beneficiary...not just a club looking for an "all-expenses paid" party.

I told Phil that Culver City Coin Club had considered making a name change when we moved our meetings from Culver City to the El Segundo Library. But at the time we decided against it because we were close to our 50th anniversary and we wanted to see that anniversary happen. As most of you know, 2008 was the 50th anniversary of the Culver City Coin Club. So, as the anniversary date should no longer be an issue, I told Phil that I would again introduce the idea of changing our name at the next meeting to see if our members had any interest. At the meeting on October 8th, I hope to have more information to help us decide.

Also, while attending the Long Beach Coin Show, I came across a dealer of coin collecting training sessions on DVD. He had a variety of different training sessions covering everything from collecting a particular type of coin to a more general history of coin collecting. As we have many new members joining the club each month, I thought it might be useful to have our own library of training materials that members could take home and return the following month. I believe the club already owns a couple of DVDs so I decided to buy three more DVDs and donate them to the club. That way, we would start out with a small library of training materials for members to start using and we can hopefully add to that over time. So we will have them available at the next meeting.

Again our next meeting is Thursday, October 8th. I look forward to hearing everyone's experiences at Long Beach. Until then...

Collect Early and Often

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COIN TRIVIA

-That the two-cent piece was produced in 1864 to try to relieve the coin shortage resulting from the hoarding of coins during the Civil War era.

-That only three true commemorative quarters have been issued by the U.S. Mint. They are the 1893 Isabella quarter, the 1932 Washington Head quarter, and the Bicentennial 1776-1976 quarter.

-That the motto IN GOD WE TRUST first appeared on a coin of the U.S. in 1864, during the Civil War.

-That there are three dies used to strike a coin. The upper die, the lower or anvil die, and the collar.

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REFRESHMENTS

October—Richard Navarro
November—Garn Anderson

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

October—George Gill
November—Steve Radell

COIN SHOWS

Oct 3-4 Buena Park

Buena Park Coin Show, Retail Clerks Hall, 8550 Stanton Ave.
Hrs: Sat. 10AM-6PM, Sun. 10AM-4PM ADM

Nov 13-15 San Diego

San Diego Handlery Hotel & Resort, 950 Hotel Cir. N. Hrs: Sat. 10AM-6PM, Sun. 10AM-5PM ADM

COIN TRIVIA

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-That the first zinc cents were struck on Dec. 17th, 1981, but were dated 1982. They were struck at the West Point Bullion Depository.

-That from 1837 to 1964 the dime was 90% silver and 10% copper. The copper was to increase the hardness and thus the wear.

-That IN GOD WE TRUST never appeared on a half dime.

-The 1792 Coinage Act called for the issue of a "mill" coin. Although it was never actually struck, it is still an official denomination. As a dime is a tenth of a dollar, a mill is a thousandth of a dollar.

Any items of interest for this newsletter can be mailed or emailed to:

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We will be in the Meeting Room downstairs.



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