

Classic City Coin Club Field Trip to Atlanta Monetary Museum

By Ken Young

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On July 21, 2026, a group of twelve CCCC members and guests made a trip to the Federal Reserve building in Atlanta for a guided tour of the free Monetary Museum. Most of the group drove to MARTA stations at North Springs or Chamblee, and they rode trains to the Midtown MARTA station. The Federal Reserve is located across the street from that station, on the corner of Peachtree St. and 10th St. (1000 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA, 30309). One couple drove all the way and parked at a nearby pay garage. No parking is available at the Fed.

The Monetary Museum has displays on the history of money, exhibits showing the Fed's role in our economy, displays of large value currency sheets used in the past, and other interactive displays. There is also a complete set of every type of gold coin minted at the Dahlonega, Georgia mint. One can also see the automated vault and cash processing areas.

Upon entering, each person must go through Security (like that at the Airport). A REAL ID is needed. After Security and before entering the Museum, there are lockers to store all personal items. No phones or cameras are allowed in the Museum.

Guided tours are available Tuesday through Thursday at 10 AM and 1 PM, booked 6-8 months in advance for 10-40 people. Self-guided tours are available Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM, for 10 people or fewer. Both tours cover the same areas. More questions can be asked during a guided tour.

Our group had a great time and learned a great deal about the Federal Reserve System. A second group is likely to go this fall.

For more information, do an online search for "Atlanta Monetary Museum."

Buy the Book

The Impact a Publication Can Have on Your Hobby

By David Marble

I have been a collector of many things and a student of history since I was a child. I started with collecting coins and stamps and eventually branched into military memorabilia. Having two grandfathers that served in the US military during World War II, I've always had a special interest in that time period.

After graduating high school, I enlisted in the US Air Force and a few years later, at my first duty station, I found a coin shop that I really liked. Every Tuesday afternoon, I'd go there looking for new treasures to add to my collection. One week I saw a particularly interesting book for sale: *World War II Remembered: History in Your Hands, a Numismatic Study* by C. Frederick Schwan and Joseph E. Boling. Although it was a bit pricey for a two striper (A1C), I bought it and immediately fell in love with it. It covered coins, banknotes, bonds, military decorations, ration tokens, and much more from all over the world that were developed or changed as a direct result of World War II. It combined my fascination of World War II history with my love of collecting coins and paper money.

Fast forward a year or two and I'm stationed in Korea. Hoping to continue to grow my coin and paper money collection, I did some research and discovered the place to go: Insa-dong in Seoul. I began to make weekly trips there and quickly developed a rapport with several coin shop owners. I began collecting World War II Japanese bonds as well as Korean bonds from the 1950s and 1960s as there was a great variety available and they were cheap (\$2 to \$5 each in 2003-2004). One week, I made the "mistake" of bringing my copy of *World War II Remembered* with me as it has an extensive section listing different World War II Japanese bonds. I pulled it out in one of the shops as I was browsing the selection and the owner took it from me, flipped through it, and said that it was his book now. We had become friends by this point, so I told him that he could keep it and reimburse me for the replacement cost when I bought another copy over mid-tour leave.

Around this time, I found some Japanese bonds for which the blocks weren't listed in *World War II Remembered*. I decided to reach out to the authors to inform them of my discoveries. Fred Schwan directed me to contact Joe Boling and I excitedly shared my findings. If I remember correctly, this is how I ended up with a subscription to the email newsletter known as the MPC Gram (you can read back issues at <https://www.militarypaymentcertificates.us/> and even subscribe). After religiously reading the Gram for over two decades, I felt a strong connection to their community even though I had never met any of the contributors in person. That all changed after I retired from the Air Force; in April 2024, I was finally able to attend my first MPC Fest. It truly was an amazing experience.

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By Bruce Breedlove and Cory Sauvageau

We hear the word fair all the time in the coin business. What's a fair price? Is that a fair offer? Is the dealer making a fair profit? Was I treated fairly? Those sound like simple questions, but "fair" can mean very different things depending on which side of the transaction you're standing on.

Coin dealers are bound by various Codes of Ethics. Organizations such as the American Numismatic Association, Georgia Numismatic Association, and Florida United Numismatists have Codes of Ethics that their dealer members agree to follow, and many coin shows have similar standards for participating dealers. Those rules establish important expectations for honesty and ethical conduct. But a Code of Ethics cannot guarantee that every transaction will turn out exactly the way you hoped. Sometimes the question isn't whether someone acted unfairly. Sometimes the question is whether your expectations were reasonable.

Suppose you inherit 200 rolls of Wheat Cents that your grandparent accumulated over several decades—approximately 10,000 coins. You haven't searched them, but you've seen enough to know they aren't all ordinary 1950s Wheaties. There are coins from the Teens and Twenties and some nicer examples from the Thirties and Forties. You take the entire group to a coin show and ask several dealers to make an offer, but the offers disappoint you. They are essentially valuing the group as a bulk lot of common circulated Wheat Cents.

"But there are older coins in there," you point out. You're probably right. There may even be something very good in there. The problem is that nobody knows exactly what's there until somebody searches 10,000 coins. That takes time and knowledge. If you don't want to invest the time necessary to do that work yourself, is it reasonable to expect a dealer to spend hours doing it before making an offer? The dealer can assume the risk and make a bulk offer based on what can reasonably be established, or you can search and organize the coins yourself in hopes of receiving more. Neither choice is necessarily wrong, but each comes with a different risk and reward.

Now suppose you accept the offer. A few weeks later you hear through the grapevine that the dealer found a 1909-S VDB in one of those rolls and sold it for twice what was paid for the entire group.

Was the original deal suddenly unfair? Should the dealer share the proceeds with you? Would you feel differently about the transaction now than you did when you accepted the offer?

At the time of the sale, neither side knew the coin was there. You could have searched the rolls before selling them, and the dealer could have spent hours searching property that had not yet been purchased. Instead, you chose the certainty of an immediate sale and the dealer assumed the risk—and potential reward—of what might be found. Once the transaction was completed, the coins belonged to the dealer. If nothing valuable had been found and the dealer ultimately lost money on the purchase, would you have returned part of the purchase price? Probably not. **Fairness has to work both ways.**

There are other ways to structure such a transaction. A dealer with whom you have established a good relationship might agree to buy the group at a bulk price and share some portion of the proceeds if an unusually valuable coin is discovered. That can work, but it requires trust—and trust is rarely established during a five-minute negotiation across a bourse table. It develops through

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Fort Gaines Trophy Note!

An exciting discovery that turned up in the least likely place!

By Raiden Honaker



National Bank Notes from small one bank towns located in southwest Georgia are undoubtedly among the most difficult to acquire across the entire state. As I have continued my collecting endeavors in our great state, I have reached a point where new additions are becoming increasingly difficult and sparse. Trying to obtain a National Bank Note from every bank that issued them is quite the challenge for Georgia. Crossing off The First National Bank of Fort Gaines from my list was not something that I had anticipated accomplishing anytime soon. Little did I know that a fresh example would turn up and find a place in my collection.

To help illustrate how rare Nationals from Fort Gaines are, one must first understand that the opportunities to acquire an example are rarer than the notes themselves! Prior to my note surfacing, only a meager six large size Nationals were known from Fort Gaines. In over 30 years, notes from this bank have appeared on just three occasions across all types, large and small. Knowing that, on average, one opportunity arose each decade, coupled with the fact that these Fort Gaines notes fetch quite a hefty price tag, I knew that I would have to take full advantage of any chance to acquire an example.

A few months ago, a good friend of mine told me that he was aware of a rare Georgia National that had walked into a shop over the counter, and a purchase was made. I eagerly asked where the note was from, to which he replied Fort Gaines. My jaw instantly hit the floor, and I immediately asked for an image as this had to be "too good to be true". Lo and behold, not only was this note the real thing, but it was an 1882 \$20, even more desirable than the 1902s issued on this bank! We figured a price and the note was sold to me, and I felt like a kid on Christmas morning.

Amongst all the excitement, I neglected to ask where in the world this note surfaced. One might assume that it appeared in Fort Gaines itself, or perhaps somewhere in Clay County, or even

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southeast Alabama. The answer? New Mexico! Somehow, someway, after spending time in commerce, being circulated throughout the many years, this note traveled all the way to New Mexico, of all places. This piece was also brand new to the census, previously being completely unknown to the collecting community. As an added bonus, this is the very FIRST 1882 \$20 known, making this a truly exciting and rare find. It seems as if National Bank Notes always turn up in the least likely places, and such is the case here.



The back of the Fort Gaines 1882 \$20, displaying the "Date Back"

alongside the Alabama state line. Fort Gaines acts as the seat of Clay County and was founded in 1816. The original fort was created as protection against the Creeks and thrived due to riverboat trading. The fort was named after Edmund Pendleton Gaines (1777-1849) who was a military officer of nearly half a century, serving during the War of 1812, the Seminole Wars, the Black Hawk War, and the Mexican-American War.

Due to CH# 6002 opening in 1901, less than a year before the 1902 Series National Bank Notes were adopted, 1882 Series notes were issued, both Brown Backs and Date Backs. Eventually, 1902 Series NBNs were emitted, alongside small size 1929 Series notes.

Altogether, a grand total of 18,268 large size notes were issued, as well as 2,148 small size, for a total of only 20,416 notes. Since the bank went out of business in late 1932, small size notes were issued for less than four years, and thus exist in far fewer quantities than their large size counterparts. Today, only eight total Fort Gaines National Bank Notes are known (see the chart for the breakdown of that small population).

Type/Denomination	Known
1882 \$10 Brown Back	1
1882 \$20 Brown Back	0
1882 \$10 Date Back	1
1882 \$20 Date Back	1
1902 \$10 Plain Back	3
1902 \$20 Plain Back	1
1929 \$10 Type 1	0
1929 \$20 Type 1	1

So, who exactly operated this Clay County institution? The bank was founded by its first President, Alexander Lafayette Foster. Mr. Foster, who was 62 years of age when the bank came to be, was a prominent figure in the area. A Confederate veteran, he served in the 51st Regiment of the Georgia Infantry. He is one of many instances that I have found of CSA veterans serving as bankers during the National Bank Note issuing period. Foster held the position of President of the Fort Gaines FNB until his death at age 67, on April 1, 1907. The President position was then assumed by William Angus McAllister, Sr. If one takes a close look at the 1882 \$20 Date Back that I acquired, you can observe the blue, stamped signature of President McAllister! The Cashier's signature has faded away and is lost to time, though it very likely was once the signature of Angus Whittemore Holley. Strangely, for a time, both of the bank's main officers were named Angus. Perhaps it was a popular name during their times of birth. Upon Holley's death in 1921, President McAllister took a step down and

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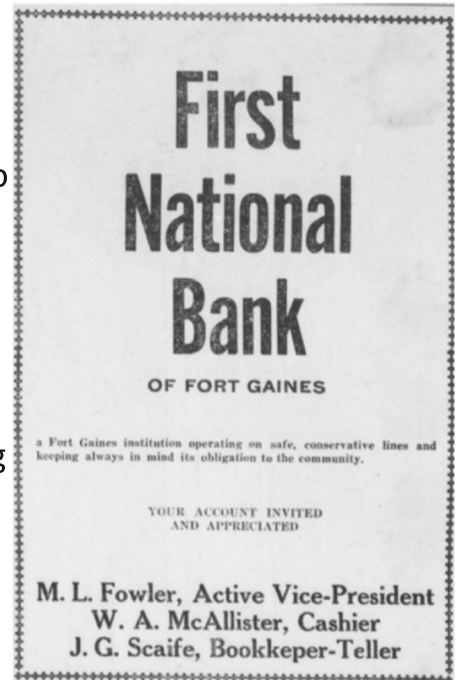


William Angus "Will" McAllister Sr.

assumed Holley's prior role of Cashier. This decision was made to focus on his role as Mayor of Fort Gaines and as a Senator. McAllister held the Cashier position until his own death in 1931. Less than a year later, The First National Bank of Fort Gaines closed its doors for good.

Although the bank has been a thing of the past for nearly a century, you can take a trip down to Fort Gaines and find the original bank building still standing! Compared with a postcard I own dated 1909, the bank building looks remarkably similar today. No major changes to the façade have been made, making it easy to point out today. So many times, these old National Bank buildings have either

been destroyed or sit in a state of disrepair; however, neither is the case in this instance. It is also a great sight to see that the building is being utilized today as the Fort Gaines Police Department, as well as City Hall. The exact address of the building is 101 Hancock St, for those of you that decide to take a day trip to the county seat of Clay County!



An advertisement found in the Southwest Georgian
Dated April 16, 1925



Postcard of the FNB building, dated October 1909



The old First National Bank building as it sits today

MPC Fest is not a coin show, but rather a gathering of military numismatists-folks who collect things like military payment certificates, AAFES Pogs, Allied Military Currency, Japanese Invasion Money, war bonds, POW notes, or anything similar. It takes place in Port Clinton, Ohio in the spring of each year and includes expert presentations, show and tell sessions, a trivia contest, a small bourse, an auction, and most importantly camaraderie of like-minded collectors. Festers even get paid to attend...granted it's in Military Fest Certificates, which is a reenactment of the military pay experience from the days of MPC. The people are great and the events are wonderful.

I share all this to show how buying a book can have a major impact on your collecting experience. Through Fred and Joe's hard work, I expanded my collection greatly; it now includes coins, banknotes, bonds, and military payment certificates, but most importantly many new friends and a lifetime of fond memories. I am eternally grateful to Fred and Joe for adding so much richness to my life through their book as well as for the community created as a result of it.

"Fly Right" (continued from page 5)

repeated transactions in which both parties demonstrate that they are reasonable, knowledgeable and true to their word.

Building that relationship is a two-way street as well. Negotiate respectfully and understand that a dealer has overhead, money tied up in inventory and a legitimate need to make a profit. Some items, particularly bullion and common coins, may have very little room for negotiation. Payment matters too; cash can eliminate fees and risk that may otherwise have to be reflected in the price. Don't continually consume a dealer's time asking for prices and advice without ever intending to do business. At the same time, dealers should recognize that customers may be unfamiliar with what they own and deserve straightforward information and respectful treatment. And educate yourself. The more you understand grading, key dates, varieties and market values, the better prepared you are to recognize a fair transaction when one is offered.

Over time, good transactions build rapport. A customer who is knowledgeable, reasonable and dependable becomes someone a dealer wants to work with, just as an honest and helpful dealer becomes someone a customer seeks out. That relationship can lead to better opportunities, more candid advice, first looks at new purchases and, sometimes, better pricing. Those benefits aren't demanded; they're earned through mutual trust and respect.

So, what is "fair"? Fair doesn't mean the buyer makes no profit. It doesn't mean the seller receives the highest price that could possibly be obtained, and it doesn't mean that a transaction becomes unethical simply because one side later discovers they could have done better. A fair transaction begins with honesty: both sides understand what is being offered, both have the opportunity to say yes or no, neither intentionally misrepresents what they know, and once an agreement is reached, both honor it. Sometimes the buyer will do better than expected. Sometimes the seller will. **What matters is how the deal was made.**

FLY RIGHT TAKEAWAY: A fair deal doesn't require an equal outcome. It requires both sides to understand the deal, accept the risks, and honor their word.

"Did you know...Volume 43"

By Chip Cutcliff

...that there is a 1964 Special Mint Set (SMS)? We're all familiar with the 1965-1967 Special Mint Sets. The back story is that the U.S. Mint blamed coin collectors for the coin shortage of 1964. They seemed to miss the point that they had spent 3 years telling all U.S. citizens that silver was becoming too expensive to continue to use and we (the U. S.) would soon have to go off the silver standard. They turned the whole country into coin collectors! No wonder that silver coin disappeared from circulation almost overnight. Their fix for the coin shortage was to produce coins with no Mint marks. This would certainly prevent hoarding of non-silver coins, right? It wasn't until 1993 that this rare Mint product was even discovered, and then by accident. Stacks auctioned off the numismatic estate of Lester Merkin, a prominent collector. In his collection were 1964 SMS sets that he had purchased years ago from the estate of Eva Adams, a former U.S. Mint Director. Speculation varies about how/why they were made. Theories include prototype sets for the 1965-1967 SMS run, an initial SMS that was to include the 1964D Peace Dollar and die trial strikes on 90% silver blanks prior to clad blanks being available. No direct records about the sets' production have yet been found. There are believed to be 20-50 sets in existence, all from Eva Adams's estate. PCGS has certified 22 cents, 18 nickels, 22 dimes and 28 Kennedy halves. It's always possible that some coins have been cracked out of graded holders and resubmitted for potential higher grades, so grading numbers may be inaccurate. A 5-coin 1964 SMS recently sold for over 150K. A bit better price than on the 1965-1967, huh?

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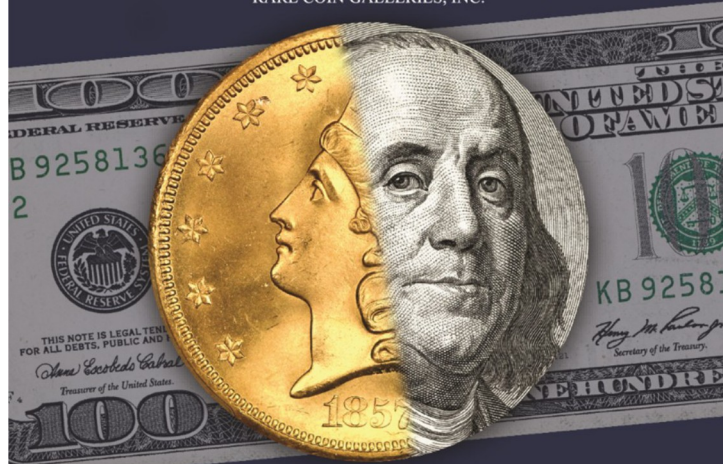


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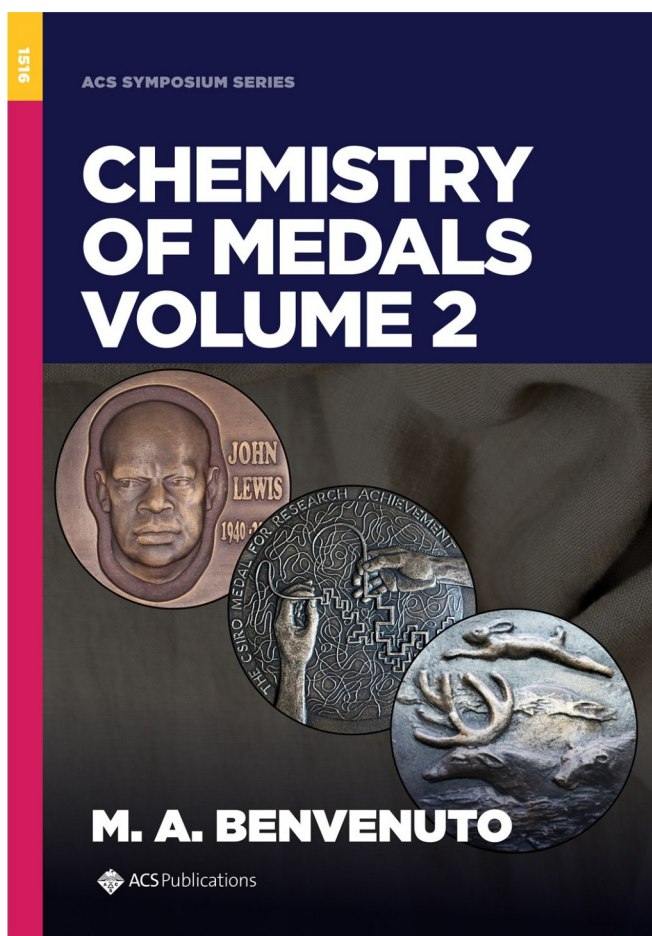
...that it's possible to find two \$1 bills in circulation that have the exact same serial number? Lots of numbers to this story, but I'll try to keep it simple. We have 2 locations for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), the usual site in Washington D.C. and the newer facility in Fort Worth, Texas. Well, with 2 facilities printing money, it's easier to make a printing mistake. In 2014, the Washington facility printed 2013-dated star notes (replacement notes). They were printed for the New York Federal Reserve Bank, all designated "B" for New York. There were 3 different runs printed. Serial number runs were B00000001* to B00250000*, B03200001* to B06400000* and B06400001* to B09600000*. Nothing unusual here. Then the magic. In June of 2016, the Fort Worth BEP decided to print star notes for the New York Federal Reserve District. It's unknown if they checked to see what had been previously printed, or if there was an error in the records. What occurred was a printing run of many of the same serial numbers that had been printed in Washington almost 2 years earlier! Fort Worth printed runs were: B00000001* to B 03200000*, B03200001* to B06400000* and B06400001* to B09600000*. So, 13.3 million star notes were printed with overlapping serial numbers! Those numbers are: B00000001* to B00250000*, B03200001* to B06400000* and B06400001* to B09600000*. The DC printed notes are scarcer than the Fort Worth notes because fewer were printed. Beware of on-line sales. 2013 star notes MUST be within these ranges to have a duplicate. Most posted on-line fall outside of the possible match list. Want to match your star with its twin? Visit the web site <https://bit.ly/2xykgQB> or do an on-line search for 2013 New York District pair census. Eight pairs have reportedly been found. Combine yours with a new-found friend and split the \$16,000 reward?

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By Ray Holt

I'm Ray Holt, the recipient of the GNA Scholarship for the 2026 ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. I am 23 years old and have been collecting coins for over ten years, ever since I started looking through my dad's change jar and found a 1944 silver quarter and a cent planchet! I'm a member of the ANA and GNA, as well as a member and volunteer at the Rockdale Coin Club and attendee of the Classic City Coin Club. I work at C.W. Coins in Social Circle, Georgia, which just opened in early June of this year. I learned about the GNA Scholarship through Bruce Breedlove at the Rockdale Coin Club, whom I actually met in Colorado Springs during Summer Seminar in 2025!

At the Seminar I had a great time, learned a lot of new things, and met a lot of fellow numismatists both in my classes and around the campus. In my class, "Advanced US Coin Grading & Problem Coins" taught by Keith Moon, Andy Vickery, and Austin Hamilton, I learned about the volatile chemical composition and physical properties of a coin's surface, and how to detect when that surface has been altered versus retaining original characteristics. I also refined my ability to grade coins that fall between AU58 and MS62, determining whether the friction on the coin's highpoints constitutes wear versus chatter or rub. I shared stories and conversations with people at the ANA Museum and Library, as well as during the Library Book Sale (which is always worth a visit!)

Some of the standout coins that I was able to examine up-close during my grading class included a 1792 Half Disme, an 1833 Proof Half Cent, and (my personal favorite) a 1911 Matte Proof Lincoln Cent. I have developed an interest in collecting MPLs, and have done a lot of research to understand the diagnostics of the coins versus their circulation-strike counterparts. This class was my first opportunity to inspect one of the coins in person, and I was amazed at how detailed the coin was! Early Lincoln cents were very well struck even for circulation, but the level of detail presented on the proof specimen as well as the high quality of the prepared planchet sets this coin apart from any MS example I have seen.

During lunch breaks and after class I went to eat with members of my class as well as other numismatists, where I got to talk with them about what we were learning and other areas of interest. On Friday I went to the Colorado Springs Coin Show, where I picked up a nice 1909-S Lincoln Cent as well as some vintage Whitman coin folders (which I collect). I enjoyed attending the opening ceremony for Session 2, as well as the YN Benefit Auction on Tuesday.

Flying to and from Colorado Springs was helpful and convenient, especially since I was able to use the airport shuttle on Thursday. The Colorado College housing was incredibly comfortable, and the on-campus meals were very good! I had a wonderful time at the ANA Summer Seminar this year, and I look forward to attending again in the future! I want to thank the GNA for awarding its Summer Seminar Scholarship to me this year, and for being very outgoing and supportive at every step of the process. Specifically, I would like to thank Bruce Breedlove, John Morris, and Tom Youngblood for their help in making sure the trip came together for me. I also want to extend special thanks to everyone at the GNA, as well as all GNA members, for providing me with this opportunity.

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GNA is accepting applications for two scholarships to the 2027 American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar that will be held in Colorado Springs. The scholarships are available to both young numismatists (YN), ages 15 to 22, and GNA adult numismatists.

Completed applications along with recommendations from fellow GNA members must be received by December 31, 2026. Each scholarship covers the minimum "On-Campus Fees" for double occupancy dorm room boarding, tuition for one session, plus air travel. Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate their involvement, leadership, accomplishments in numismatics, as well as a desire to learn more about the hobby.

Summer Seminar features a lineup of classes to meet virtually every collector's educational needs. Class subjects include ancient coin collecting, paper money collecting and grading, counterfeit detection, coin grading, Civil War exnumia, digital photography of coins, Colonial numismatics, hobo nickel carving, collecting medals and tokens, and more. Students learn from the hobby's most prominent scholars, rising young stars, and successful business leaders. In previous years, over 300 students and instructors ranging in age from 13 to 87 participated in Summer Seminar. The two one-week sessions are typically held at the end of June and the beginning of July; however, they have not been officially announced yet by the ANA.

YN scholarship recipients will attend one week-long class of their choice, have lodging in a Colorado College dormitory with counselor supervision, and participate in seminar programs and events.

Scholarship applications are available at www.GaMoney.org (select "scholarship" on the main page). The GNA scholarship committee can be reached at (423) 653-7908 or by e-mail at scholarship@GaMoney.org.

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