

## LECTURES

# Let's Talk About It

Speakers will share fascinating tales with fellow hobbyists at the National Money Show in Colorado Springs.

➤ Money, in all its forms, has stories to tell. Speakers at the upcoming National Money Show®, to be held March 10-12 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, know this all too well. Their "Money Talks" presentations highlight U.S. numismatic history, ancient coinage and die errors. These free programs will take place at the Broadmoor Hall, Ballroom E. To learn more, contact ANA Numismatic Educator Sam Gelberd at 719-482-9846, or email [sgelberd@money.org](mailto:sgelberd@money.org).

## Thursday, March 10

**10 a.m.** Numismatic Artifacts of Former Presidents Eisenhower, JFK, LBJ & Nixon (Darryl A. Gomez)

During their time in office, Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon gifted coins and medals produced by the U.S. Mint. This presentation will point to the enigmatic evidence that proves the presidential origins of such specimens.

*Darryl Gomez is a lifelong collector of U.S. coins and medals. He has authored two books about appreciation medals: THE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER APPRECIATION MEDALS and AUTHORITY NUMISMATIC REFERENCE: PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF APPRECIATION AWARD MEDALS, 1958-63.*

**11 a.m.** Clark, Gruber & Co. Territorial Gold Coins: The Driving Force Which "Made" the City of Denver in the Nineteenth Century (Robert M. Bair)

When gold was discovered in the 1850s near present-day Denver, thousands flocked to the area to seek fortune. However, the barter system and unrefined gold products proved to be unsustainable for the burgeoning gold rush economy. Three opportunistic entrepreneurs minted private gold coins to stabilize Denver's economy, which

allowed the city to grow.

*Bob Bair has been involved in numismatics since 1956. He started out as a collector, then in 1987 began his career as a coin dealer. As a boy growing up in northwest Wisconsin in the 1950s, he began collecting coins that he received from his newspaper route, and a lifelong passion was born. Bair earned master's degrees in U.S. history (1970) and educational administration (1994). He taught in Wisconsin from 1969 to 1997, and served as a school principal in Louisiana and Colorado until his retirement in 2010.*

**1 p.m.** Roman & Byzantine Scale Weights (Eugene E. McPherson)

This talk will cover weighing systems, scales and scale weights from Roman and Byzantine times (300 B.C. to A.D. 1200). This topic is an extension of the study on how Roman soldiers were paid a century before Rome started producing coins. The presentation will include several books and websites on the subject.

*Gene McPherson is a retired chemical engineer. His collecting focus is Roman and Byzantine scale weights, Roman Republican coins and cast bronze money from Italy. He enjoys comparing the counting systems and relative size of cast bronze money and scale weights. McPherson is president of the Pasadena Coin Club in Texas and has given talks at Houston-area coin clubs and online for the ANA. He has published two articles on cast bronze money in the Texas Numismatic Association's publication.*

**2 p.m.** Daguerreotypes & the Early History of Photography (Joseph W. Cavallaro)

We live in the age of digital photography, but have you ever wondered how

it all began? Many people are unaware of the critical role silver played in the development of early photographs. This talk will showcase fine examples of daguerreotypes and explain the history of photography.

*Joe Cavallaro owned a coin and antique shop on the banks of the Delaware River in Lambertville, New Jersey, for approximately 30 years. Upon moving to Las Vegas, Nevada, he became involved in the Las Vegas Numismatic Society. He was elected to the board of directors and shortly afterward was elected president, a post he occupied for 14 years. He has always been interested in early and historic photography. Living near Philadelphia—where many of the first U.S. photographic studios were located—he has been lucky to find several nice examples of early daguerreotypes. Today, he works with his nephew in his coin and antique shop, Archangel Coins/Antiques in Las Vegas.*

**3 p.m.** Treasures In Your Pocket (Sam Gelberd)

This presentation will review some of the topics covered so far in articles by the same name in the ANA's monthly publication, *The Numismatist*. The presentation will feature various errors, die varieties and other oddities that have been highlighted in the articles. Participants will be invited to ask questions about these types of coins, including on-site examination.

*Sam Gelberd is the numismatic educator for the ANA in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida Atlantic University and was previously a middle school social studies teacher in South Florida. He travels to K-12 schools, libraries, coin clubs, national conventions and anywhere else the ANA requires educational outreach programs, especially for activities concerning Young Numismatists (YNS). He also fields inquiries (as numerous as they are varied) from the general public about numismatic-related objects, rare or otherwise.*



## Friday, March 11

### 10 a.m. Other 1804 Dollars: World Crowns Early in the History of the United States (Dr. Hans H. Liu)

The United States was still in its infancy in 1804 and the American dollar a new currency. Other nations' 1804 crowns and related issues will be discussed with regard to early-19th-century world events. This talk will span continents and elaborate on the definition of "dollar" and even "1804."

*Dr. Hans Liu graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1978 and trained in internal medicine and infectious diseases. He has lectured in almost all 50 U.S. states and in 20 foreign countries, usually on infections and antibiotics. He has also given presentations about the beauty and romance of coins and currency on ocean cruises and at numismatic conferences. A coin collector for over 50 years, he now specializes in crowns and talers of the 18th through 20th centuries. His current focus is studying other world crowns minted around 1804 and the historical events affecting their issue.*

### 11 a.m. Prince of Youth: Coinage Traces the Rise & Fall of Publius Septimius Geta (Michael A. Kodysz)

This talk presents a selection of Severan-era Roman coinage that illustrates the story of the rise and fall of the Emperor Publius Septimius Geta. The youngest son of Septimius Severus, Geta was propagandized on coins as destined to rule alongside his brother Caracalla. Coin types legitimizing Geta's status as imperial heir include those featuring him as *princeps iuventutis*, meaning "prince of youth" or "first among the young." Other types shown are those that celebrate Geta's harmonious relations with his fam-

ily, his brother and the military. Geta's portrayal on coinage as co-Augustus with his brother Caracalla will be examined, as well as portraiture that forms a visual chronicle of his physical development from boyhood to maturity. Coins showing evidence of erasure and defacement are included as well. On some coins, Geta's image was physically mutilated, and these coins form numismatic evidence of the *damnatio memoriae* instituted by his brother Caracalla, who murdered him.

*Michael A. Kodysz was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He has collected ancient Roman coins for more than 20 years. His numismatic exhibits have won numerous awards, including the Howland Wood Memorial Award in 2019 and 2021. Kodysz earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Akron and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Manchester in England after completing a program of study at Sotheby's Institute of Art in London. He currently teaches visual communication courses at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio.*

### 1 p.m. The Colorado Springs Leshner Dollar & the "Lost Coffee Can Treasure" (Robert D. Leonard Jr.)

One sub-issuer of Joseph Leshner's silver "dollars" in 1901 was Colorado Springs jeweler Goodspeed & Co., but only 4 pieces are known to exist. However, around 1978, a coffee can full of Leshner dollars was supposedly brought to ANA headquarters. Where is it now? In this talk, the intriguing Goodspeed story will be explored in full, including some information that might be helpful in discerning the can's whereabouts. If either another Goodspeed Leshner dollar or the coffee can is located, the finder will be ahead by

at least \$50,000.

*Bob Leonard joined the ANA in 1961. He has received three Heath Literary Awards and was General Chairman of the 2011 World's Fair of Money®. He is the lead author of the standard reference on Leshner dollars, *FORGOTTEN COLORADO SILVER: JOSEPH LESHER'S DEFIANT COINS*, published in 2017 by The History Press. Among other research, Leonard has examined the pertinent Secret Service records in the National Archives and Farran Zerbe's papers in the archives of the American Numismatic Society, in addition to verifying and expanding genealogical research on the issuers of Leshner dollars. This is his tenth presentation at an ANA convention.*

### 2 p.m. April 13, 1976: A Numismatic Bicentennial Kick-off Day Event Remembered (Dr. Walter Ostromecki)

Enjoy a fun-filled numismatic and philatelic reflection of the events of April 13, 1976. This talk will take a look at the history behind the 1976 \$2 note and its first day of release. The presentation will also discuss the resulting collectible—the postmarked bicentennial \$2 known as the B\$2FDIC. A set of 10 strict rules for cancellation servicing were established by the USPS for the public and collectors alike to be followed. The United States Postal Service estimated over \$10 million worth of postmarked \$2s were created that day, but were they all alike and compliant with the rules?

*An ANA past president and professional educator of 38 years, Walt Ostromecki is a prolific hobby collector, writer, speaker and youth-family involvement activities educator. He has received numerous top numismatic honors and awards including the ANA's highest accolade—the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award—in 2020 and a Numismatic Ambassador Award from *NUMISMATIC NEWS* in 1988.*

### 3 p.m. The U.S. Silver Dollar Boom in the 1970s and '80s: How Silver Dollar Hoards and Books Fueled That Boom (Robert M. Bair)

This presentation will take a look at the discovery, promotion and release of major silver dollar hoards in the mid-20th century and the silver-dollar books authored by knowledgeable experts. Both of these factors fueled the frenzy among collectors and investors to own silver dollars.

*(See bio on the previous page.)*