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First Midwest Display of the \$1 Million Penny

Chicago World's Fair of Money Brings \$1 Billion of Historic Numismatic Treasures and "Funny Money" to Rosemont

Public Also Can Learn What Their Old Money is Worth





The million-dollar Lincoln cent.

\$1 bill with upside-down serial numbers.

See a \$1 million penny, a \$3 million nickel and extraordinary misprinted Currency at the family-friendly World's Fair of Money®, August 13-17, 2019.

(Rosemont, IL) – The public can see more than \$1 billion of historic rare coins and colorful currency, including a Lincoln cent that sold for \$1 million, a famous \$3 million nickel and a U.S. Treasury Department display that includes \$100,000 bills, at the Chicago World's Fair of Money® (www.WorldsFairofMoney.com) in the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, August 13-17, 2019. Visitors also can find out what their old coins and currency may be worth.

"It's a family-friendly, educational event sponsored by the non-profit American Numismatic Association," explained Gary Adkins, president of the 25,000-member organization.

"This will be the first display in the Midwest of a mis-made, World War II era Lincoln cent that sold for more than \$1 million last year. Money is history you can hold in your hands, and you can see more than a billion dollars of historic numismatic national treasure on public display at the World's Fair of Money," said Adkins.

Among the special exhibits of rare items from the American Numismatic Association Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado will be one of the five known 1913-dated Liberty Head nickels. Once owned by a Milwaukee resident, it is one of the world's most famous rare coins and is insured today for \$3 million.

Visitors also can see for the first time in public a recently discovered \$2 million California Gold Rush-era gold coin, as well as displays of a fabled 1804-dated U.S. silver dollar insured for \$4 million, historic ancient coins, and examples of "funny money" blunders -- \$1 through \$100 denomination bills mistakenly printed with various errors, such as upside down or entirely missing serial numbers.

The United States Treasury Department Bureau of Engraving and Printing will showcase high denomination paper money including \$100,000 bills and a \$500 million Treasury Note, and the United States Mint will offer its latest collectible coins.

More than 500 dealers from across the United States and overseas will be buying and selling rare coins, vintage paper money, medals, tokens, and gold and silver. Many of the numismatic experts will provide free, informal evaluations of the public's old coins and paper money.

Educational seminars and a children's treasure trivia game will be offered during the show, and youngsters – as well adults -- can put their face as the portrait on the front of a \$100,000 bill.

Heritage Auctions (<u>www.HA.com</u>) and Stack's Bowers Galleries (<u>www.StacksBowers.com</u>) will conduct public auctions of rare coins and paper money.

The World's Fair of Money will be held in Hall F of the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 E. River Road, in Rosemont. The show will be open Tuesday, August 13, from 1:00 pm to 5:30p pm; Wednesday through Friday, August 13 to 16, from 10 am to 5:30 pm; and on Saturday, August 17, from 10 am to 3:30 pm.

Admission Tuesday through Friday is \$8 for adults, children 12 and under admitted free. Admission is free for everyone on Saturday.

Additional information and printable coupons good for \$2 off the admission price can be found online at www.WorldsFairofMoney.com.