



## 2003 UNITED STATES MINT PROOF SETS® AND UNCIRCULATED SETS® AVAILABLE

On May 19, 2003, the United States Mint released its newest set of proof coins showcasing all 2003-dated circulating coinage, including those issued under the 50 State Quarters® Program -- Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri and Arkansas -- sealed in a presentation case. The 10-coin set sells for \$19.95.



Bearing the "S" mint mark, each coin is struck at least twice to ensure the finest detail in a frosted cameo image on a bright, mirror-like

background. An official Certificate of Authenticity accompanies the sets.

In addition, the popular United States Mint Uncirculated Coin Set® will be available June 16, 2003. The set includes all 10 circulating coins minted in 2003. The coins are struck at both the Denver and Philadelphia Mint facilities and are protectively sealed in clear Mylar® to ensure they stay in their original mint condition. Priced at \$14.95, no collection should be without one of these.

Customers may order as many sets as they desire while supplies last. These products are available through the United States Mint's Subscription program. To order, call 1-800-USA-Mint or visit <http://www.usmint.gov>.

## MAINE QUARTERS IN CIRCULATION

On June 9, 2003, Maine Gov. John Baldacci joined United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore at Pemaquid Point Light in New Harbor to unveil the Maine state quarter.

Maine became the 23<sup>rd</sup> state to be admitted into the Union, as part of the Missouri Compromise on March 15, 1820.



The Maine quarter design incorporates a rendition of the Pemaquid Point Light atop a granite coast. The design also features a schooner at sea, resembling "Victory Chimes," the last three-masted schooner of the Windjammer Fleet. "Victory Chimes" has become synonymous with Maine windjamming.

## MAINE QUARTERS IN TWO-ROLL SETS AND BAGS

On June 2, 2003, two-roll sets of Maine quarters — featuring one roll each of Philadelphia and Denver mint marked coins — became available. The two-rolls set sells for \$32.00.

Bags of 100 and 1,000 Maine quarters are also on sale. Each bag is marked with the Mint of origin. Bags of 100 coins sell for \$35.50 and bags of 1,000 coins for \$300.



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**COMMEMORATIVE COINS  
STRUCK TO HONOR  
FIRST FLIGHT CENTENNIAL**

Own a piece of history -- the Wright brothers' first flight -- preserved forever in gold, silver or clad. This limited-edition commemorative coin will be struck by the United States Mint to honor the centennial of the historic first flight.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these coins is authorized to be paid to the First Flight Foundation for purposes of repairing, refurbishing, and maintaining the Wright Brothers Monument on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

**CLASSY QUARTERS**

The United States Mint "H.I.P. Pocket Change" website [www.usmint.gov/kids](http://www.usmint.gov/kids) offers new resources for students. Just posted on the site is a set of lesson plans, based on all five 2003 state quarters.

Grouped into three grade groups (K-1, 2-3, 4-6), each set of lesson plans consists of six lessons, one for each of the five new quarters and one general plan. Older students are sure to enjoy the latest feature, a *Web Quest*, which requires students to research their answers online. Teachers at school and parents at home can use these plans to teach math, geography, social studies, art... a real "wealth" of information and fun activities for eager pupils.

Download the free lesson plans, individually or in sets, for your student or class. These plans, and other great teaching aids, are kept in our Teachers Section at [www.usmint.gov/kids](http://www.usmint.gov/kids).

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
SYSTEM CENTENNIAL MEDAL  
SERIES – COMING SOON**

To honor the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the National Wildlife Refuge System, the United States Mint proudly offers the National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Medal Series.

The series features four limited-production commemorative silver medals and one commemorative bronze medal. The initial silver and only bronze medals are tentatively scheduled for release in mid-July, with the remaining three silver medals to be released throughout the remainder of 2003.

The series' four silver medals will feature a common obverse depicting President Theodore Roosevelt, but will each have a different reverse design, with either a bald eagle, elk, salmon or canvasback ducks, to represent the diversity of wildlife the System protects. The bronze medal will be a duplicate of the initial silver medal, the bald eagle. The medals will be struck in Philadelphia but will not bear a mint mark.

For more information on these medals, visit the United States Mint's website at [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov) or call, toll-free, 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468).

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MINT ON TELEVISION?**

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