



**2003 UNITED STATES MINT
SILVER PROOF SET ON SALE!**

On July 28, 2003, the ever-popular United States Mint Silver Proof Set™, showcasing all 10 2003-dated U.S. circulating coins, went on sale.



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

The 2003 United States Mint Silver Proof Set, available for \$31.95, features versions of the five 2003-dated 50 State Quarters® coins – Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri and Arkansas - as well as the Roosevelt dime and Kennedy half dollar, all minted in lustrous 90 percent silver, historically known as "coin silver." The set also includes proof versions of the other 2003-dated circulating coins – the Lincoln cent, the Jefferson 5-cent piece and the Golden Dollar – for a total of 10 coins in all.

To order, call 1-800-USA-Mint or visit <http://www.usmint.gov>.

**UNITED STATES MINT
PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL ANA
CONVENTION**

The United States Mint participated in the annual "World's Money Fair" in Baltimore, Md., on July 29 through August 3, 2003. The Mint's sold its latest products and United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore hosted an open forum that was well attended. Look for the Mint at the ANA's 2004 Spring Show in Portland, Ore.

**FIRST FLIGHT CENTENNIAL
COMMEMORATIVE COINS –
AVAILABLE AUGUST 1ST!**

Own a piece of history -- the Wright brothers' first flight -- preserved forever in gold, silver or clad. This limited-edition commemorative coin beautifully captures the 12-second accomplishment that, 100 years ago, ushered in the greatest technological age ever.

The reverse of the First Flight Centennial Commemorative Coins features both relief and incused inscriptions, and depicts the 1903 Wright Flyer as it soared through the sky near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

The obverses of the gold and silver coins feature portraits of Orville and Wilbur Wright. The silver obverse is based on the classic design by George T. Morgan first used on the Congressional Medal awarded to Orville and Wilbur Wright in 1909.



The obverse of the clad coin features a dramatic upward-looking perspective of the Wright Monument sitting atop its star-shaped base on Big Kill Devil Hill.

Special pre-issue pricing is available on these coins from August 1, 2003, through September 26, 2003.

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.

Visit the U.S. Mint at www.usmint.gov or call us at **1-800-USA-MINT**



**MISSOURI QUARTERS
IN CIRCULATION**

On August 10, 2003, Gov. Bob Holden joined Director Fore at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, Mo., to unveil the Missouri state quarter.

Missouri became the 24th state to be admitted into the Union as part of the Missouri Compromise, on August 10, 1821.



The launch ceremony marks the first time in the 50 State Quarters Program that a launch has coincided with the day of statehood for the state being honored.

The Missouri quarter design depicts Lewis and Clark's historic return to St. Louis down the Missouri River, with the "Gateway Arch" in the background. The quarter is inscribed "Corps of Discovery 1804-2004."

**COINS IN THE CLASSROOM
CONTEST!**

Do you know a teacher who's just brimming with creativity? Then be sure to let them know that the United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change™ Web site is waiting to hear from them!

From **June 30 through October 15, 2003**, the Mint's H.I.P. Pocket Change Web site is sponsoring a "Coins in the Classroom" Lesson Plan Contest. Teachers from around the country are invited to participate in this Mint-sponsored contest, which offers **prizes worth a combined value of nearly \$700** as well as national recognition.

To participate in this contest, you must be a teacher of grades K-8. Please visit the H.I.P. Pocket Change Web site at www.usmint.gov/kids to learn more and to join the fun.

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
SYSTEM CENTENNIAL MEDAL
SERIES – NOW AVAILABLE!**

The much-anticipated National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Medal Series became available on July 24.

The series features four silver medals and one bronze. The first medal in the series, the bald eagle, went on sale July 24, and has a production limit of 35,000. The bronze medal, which is a duplicate of the bald eagle silver medal, also went on sale and does not have a production limit at this time.

The remaining three silver medals, the elk, salmon and canvasback ducks are to be released later this year. Each has a production limit of 25,000.

A portion of the proceeds is authorized to benefit the National Wildlife Refuge System and its conservation efforts.

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

**MISSOURI QUARTERS IN
TWO-ROLL SETS AND BAGS**

On August 4, 2003, Missouri State Quarters in two-roll sets and bags of 100 and 1,000 coins went on sale. They will be available for the entire 10-week issue period.



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