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History of the Denver Mint

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Established by an act of Congress on April 21, 1862, the Denver Mint opened for business in 1863 as a United States Assay Office. Operations began in the facilities of Clark, Gruber & Company, a private mint. The operation was later acquired by the U.S. Government for \$25,000.

The Denver plant never performed coinage of gold as originally intended. The Director of the Mint blamed the Civil War, and hostile Indians in the area, among other things for the lack of coinage.

Gold dust and nuggets were brought there by miners from the surrounding area. These were accepted by the Assay Office for melting, assaying, and stamping of cast gold bars. The bars were then returned to the depositors as unparted bars stamped with the weight and fineness of the gold.

When the supply of gold was depleted in the streams, miners turned to lode mining, uncovering veins of ore with a high percentage of gold and silver. By 1859, the yearly value of the gold and silver deposited at the Assay Office was over \$5.6 million.

On February 20, 1895, Congress provided for the establishment of a mint in Denver for gold and silver coin production. The site for the new mint was purchased on April 22, 1896, for approximately \$60,000. Construction began in 1897. However, coinage operations didn't begin until February 1906, when the status of the Denver facility changed to Branch Mint. During the first year as an actual mint 167 million gold and silver coins were produced.



Picture of Denver Mint taken in 2016 by YN-Sider editor, Dillon Emery. The visit to the mint was an add-on tour offered as part of the ANA's Summer Seminar that year.

Editor's Corner

As I write this, I'm struggling with a strong sinus infection brought on by the strong zeal of the week's rain and memorizing lines and songs for an upcoming play.

I hope everyone is having a good school year and keeping dry. Here's hoping the rain subsides in time for the picnic.

Hope to see everyone there and to all the drama students that are readying plays and competitions: break a leg!

Dillon

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



This year's
OCC
Scholarship
recipient is
Kyra
DeByle.

SUMMER SEMINAR VISITORS



Above: Paige Price & Kyra Debyle

Below: Perry & Paige Price and Kyra & David Debyle

SHOW EXHIBITS

The Ozarks' Coin Club annual coin show is coming in Oct. YN's are encouraged to do an exhibit. Doing an exhibit is a requirement for applying for a scholarship to ANA Summer Seminar.

A decision has been made to keep exhibit display cases at the Discovery Center until show time. Plan your exhibit based on the case dimensions of 34" wide, 22" deep, and 3 1/4" high. You can assemble your exhibit on Fri. or Sat. at the show.

If you have any questions or concerns, call Jim Guy at 886-8336.

YNs will get exhibit instructions at the Oct. meeting.



COINS FOR "A"s

If you have three or more A's on your last report card provide a copy to your YN advisor. This will get you a coin from the ANA.

YN Chit Chat

Hello everyone! This month's meeting was very interesting for the YNs. The lesson was about Charles Barber, and that he not only made American currency, but that he made coins for several foreign countries as well. There were, also, a lot of blue book handouts for the YNs. See you all next month.

Thanks,
Nathan
Underwood



Picture of Charles Barber.



YN 2018 COIN SEARCH

Keep up your search for a 2018-P nickel or 2018 P&D dimes. There are 2018 dimes in the area. Don't miss out on YN dollars.

Annual OCC Picnic

YN's, get ready for fun, games, and good eats. You will find all of this at the picnic on Sat., Sept. 8 at Ritter Springs Park. Games will include dart board, plinko, bean bag toss, coin walk, and metal detecting. There will also be drawings,
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