

**Creative Art
Division 13
Numismatics
New Mexico State Fair
September 10 – 20, 2026**

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Entry Dates

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**ENTRY FEE: \$5.00
Fees are Non-Refundable**

Special Rules

1. The Albuquerque Coin Club will select three judges. Judges may not enter competitive exhibits.
2. Awards are given according to the exhibits merit. At the discretion of the judges, award will not be given due to lack of competition in class entered.
3. Award-winning exhibits from the previous year may not compete the following year, unless they are changed by a minimum of 50% by removing items and adding different items.
4. Prior years ribbons **may not** be displayed.
5. Exhibits "For Display Only" will **not** receive ribbons.
6. Exhibit must fit cases provided by the Albuquerque Coin Club which measures (21-1/2" X 33" X 2-1/2" deep).
7. First come-space available: 30 total cases (Limit 6 cases per exhibitor with no more than 3 cases per exhibit).
8. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case, will the New Mexico State Fair, the state of New Mexico, employees, contractors or volunteers be held liable for the loss or damages to any entry while in the Fair's possession. Participants are encouraged to carry their own insurance.
9. Participant recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Participant hereby expressly grants to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish participant images and work without the need for any other approval. Images and work will not be used for profit.
10. Participants are responsible for picking up their own work or provide written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
11. **NEW:** Work must be picked up Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Any work remaining on the Fairgrounds after this date will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the NM State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.

Judging Criteria

100 Total Maximum Points

- **5 points:** The title should be obvious. If necessary, there should be an explanation of what the exhibitor intends to show.
- **20 points: Basic Numismatic Information –** Specifications of the exhibited items should be described to the extent needed by the exhibit's scope to answer questions of another numismatist. Ex: mint & mintage, composition, dimensions, designer, engraver, variety identification.
- **15 points: Special Numismatic Information –** Additional information should be given to answer questions of a general viewer. Ex: historic, biographic, geographic, economic, artistic & bibliographic information.
- **10 points: Creativity & Originality –** Exhibit should be novel & imaginative.
- **10 points: Attractiveness –** Exhibit should be neat, well designed & eye catching. The color scheme should be pleasing & effective. The title & text should be easy to read & not be faded or dingy from repeated display use.
- **10 points: Balance –** Numismatic items, information & related materials in the exhibit should be balanced & related to the exhibit's scope.
- **10 points: Completeness –** Exhibit should present all numismatic material necessary to support the title and statement of scope. Allowances made for lack of material that is not generally available to collectors or there is insufficient exhibit space.
- **10 points: Degree of Difficulty –** Exhibit should show dedication to collecting, that numismatic material or related information was difficult to assemble or present. Ex: multiple rare pieces, new research, a collection that took years to assemble.
- **5 points: Condition –** Numismatic material should be the best reasonably available to the exhibitor, who may make a statement about availability for the benefit of viewers or judges.
- **5 points: Rarity –** Judged by the number of like pieces believed to exist, not by value of individual pieces.

Best of Show Judging 50 Total Maximum Points

- **10 points:** Does the display give a striking or exceptional effect or is it merely routine in its overall appearance?
- **10 points:** Does the exhibit present information beyond what is known to the average collector of this type of material?
- **5 points:** To what extent has careful research done, as evidenced by the numismatic information imparted to the viewer?
- **5 points:** Is the information presented logical and easily understood?
- **5 points:** Would a non-collector understand the exhibit?
- **5 points:** Would a reader be inspired to collect this or related material?
- **5 points:** Does exhibit show dedication to collecting, in that numismatic material or related information was difficult to assemble or present?
- **5 points:** Does exhibit provide unusual opportunity to view and appreciate material being displayed?

Numismatics Sections 475 – 477

Section 475: Youth: 17 years old and younger

Section 476: Adults: 18 years old and older

Section 477: Professionals: Shall have more than 5 years' experience in numismatics class being displayed.

Class 1-8

1. Ancient/Medieval Coins: Pre-1600
2. Foreign Banknotes
3. Foreign Coins
4. Mixed Classes: No one class is 85% or more of exhibit
5. Other Numismatic Items: ex. Stocks, Checks, Dies
6. Tokens/Medals - All types and Countries
7. U.S. Coins
8. U.S. Bank Notes (includes Confederates, Military Payment Certificates or MPCs)

Ribbon Awards

(For each class if points warrant)

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place

Participation Ribbon

under 17 years of age

Best of Show – Rosette

(For each section, if points warrant)

People’s Choice Award – Rosette

“Steve Acre People’s Choice Award”

Award presented by Albuquerque Coin Club in honor of lifetime posthumous ACC member, NMSF numismatic competition manager, Steve Acre, to the best competitive or non-competitive display, receiving the most public votes.

Special Grand Award

“Bernie Linhart Memorial Award”

Award presented by Albuquerque Coin Club in honor of lifetime posthumous ACC member, Bernie Linhart, outstanding educator, member & volunteer. A \$35.00 in club bucks (or if recipient is a Life Member, \$20.00 club bucks or equivalent cash amount, at the discretion of the ACC President). One year club membership & a suitable ribbon to the best overall numismatic display selected by judges, regardless of class.