

Treasure, World, U.S. Coin and Paper Money Auction 24

Live Floor and Internet Auction, Friday-Saturday, November 2-3, 2018

Live on the Internet, Monday, November 5, 2018

An unprecedented diversity of key rarities and choice pieces characterizes this auction, our 24th overall and our 6th with LIVE FLOOR bidding. From a 1622-dated Bogotá, Colombia cob 2 escudos recovered from the *Santa Margarita* (1622) to the only known U.S. Capped Bust half dime with a Costa Rican ½ real countermark, this sale offers numerous high-quality coins across all categories and values. Here is a quick summary:

- **Gold Cobs** features a number of Mint State Mexico and Lima cob 8 escudos from the 1715 Fleet, including a specially struck, fully dated Mexican 1715 8 escudos, as well as a variety of Colombian and Spanish cobs of all periods.
- **World Gold Coins** contains many rarities including a 1915-dated Cuban gold denomination set where five of the six coins are unique specimen strikes and the first to be seen on the market. Peruvian numismatic experts won't want to miss the finest known Cuzco 1837BA FEDERACION 8 escudos available here.
- Our **Shipwreck Ingots** features several gold ingots from early Spanish wrecks, two DATED *Atocha* (1622) silver bars weighing over 80 troy pounds each, and a "tumbaga" silver bar pedigreed to the D.R. Armstrong collection and plated in Agustín García-Barneche's second edition of *Tumbaga Saga* (2018).
- The **Shipwreck Coins** section boasts one of our largest offerings of coins recovered from the *Atocha* (1622) and *Consolación* (1681), as well as some extraordinary pieces like two dated cob 8 reales from the pirate ship *Whydah* (1717), documented in a historical article by Daniel Frank Sedwick and whose discoverer, Barry Clifford, will give an educational talk at our auction site the day prior to the sale. This shipwreck section rounds out with a series of U.S. \$20 gold double eagles from the *S.S. Central America* (1857), *S.S. Brother Jonathan* (1865), and *S.S. Republic* (1865).
- The **Mexico, Lima and Potosí Silver Cobs** sections host some key rarities, including the finest-known Charles-Joanna "with-waves" 3 reales (see feature article by Cori Sedwick Downing prior to that lot), plus a number of Potosí Royals (galanos), beginning with a very rare 1630T Potosí Royal 8 reales, the first known date for Potosí Royals.
- Within our large **World Silver Coins** session we present numerous Latin American rarities, including several high-grade early Argentinean pieces and key Costa Rican minors, as well as selections from Central America from the Richard Stuart collection, Cuban pieces from the EMO numismatic cabinet, and Mexican pillar 1 reales from the Potomac collection.
- In **Medals and Decorations** we feature scarce pieces from Argentina, Cuba, and Uruguay, a selection of rare Paraguayan War decorations, and numerous Bolivian and Peruvian pieces from the Cotoca collection.
- **Ancient Coins** is built up with many popular types such as an Athenian owl tetradrachm, several Ionia and Lesbos electrum hectes, and a scarce, high grade Judaeen zuz from the Bar Kokhba Revolt.
- Our **U.S. Coins** section contains a key-date 1916-D Mercury dime as well as many Mint State-graded classic commemorative half dollars among a complete type set. Following that is the **U.S. Paper Money** section with several U.S. type notes.

- **World Paper Money** is highlighted by several rarities, including the finest PMG-graded Colombian Banco de Panama 5 pesos, the ever-popular Costa Rican “Mona Lisa” 2 colones, and the challenging Panama “Arias” or “Seven Day” 1 balboa.
- The **Coin Jewelry** section is back by popular demand, with pieces ranging from *Atocha* 8 reales in silver mounts to a stunning Ferdinand-Isabel double excelente in an 18K pendant set with 44 diamonds (2.02 carats total).
- Our **Artifacts** selection ranges from gold chains and emeralds recovered from the *Maravillas* (1656) and 1715 Fleet to a veritable armory of armor, blades and flintlocks. In **Documents** you will find several nice engravings and maps.

Following the main auction is our **Express** (Internet-only) session with additional coins, medals and bank notes for the value-minded collector. We are pleased with the selections offered here and trust that you will discover many lots that belong in your collection. Please enjoy the sale and many thanks to our consignors and bidders for keeping our auctions great!

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