

Central States Numismatic Society
79th Anniversary Convention, April 25-28,2018
Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center

The show had approximately 290 dealer booths, 14 club tables, 48 exhibitors using 193 cases with 23 exhibit judges. Mack Martin won "Best of Show" with "Georgia's Civil War Treasury History 1861-1865". Members of the Chicago Coin Club won 5 exhibit prizes.

Attendance on Wednesday through Friday was ok. Saturday was terrible all day, except for the kids and Scouts coming in for the program. This was the first year that the show charged admission of \$5 a day or \$10 for 3 days.

Heritage had the auction and sold almost \$21 million in US coins and approximately \$8.6 million in paper money.

Cindy Wibker, Donna Moon, and myself were there representing FUN. We all judged exhibits. Cindy passed out bourse apps for both Summer FUN and the January show. She did get back quiet a few contracts. I passed out nomination forms for the Numismatic Ambassador Award. I got several nominations back. Cindy and Donna attended the Women In Numismatics meeting. We all attended the Awards Breakfast Saturday morning, where the exhibit awards were handed out.

The weather was a little on the cool side with a high of 60 degrees and a low of 35, every day. The hotel provided us with a shuttle to local restaurants. The cab ride was \$65 from the airport. The hotel and show are in the NW suburbs of Chicago.

We had a good time and we talked up the FUN show with everyone that came by our table. I also spoke with Coin World, other state organizations, exhibit judges, and Coin Dealer Newsletter.

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