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Dear ANS Member

It's the middle of the summer, and while things are slowing down everywhere, the ANS is entering its busiest period. Our Eric P. Newman Graduate Summer Seminar is in its second month, and thanks to the generosity of several members, we were able to accept nine students this year. We are also blessed with over a dozen interns this summer, who are assisting the Librarian and the curators in their many tasks.

Our main activity is our ongoing digitization project in the curatorial section. I am very proud that we are nearing our target of having 50,000 coins and other objects photographed and available as digitized images on our website. We have made sure to cover all areas of the collection, and you will find at www.numismatics.org everything from US and foreign coins to primitive money or Renaissance Medals. Several members have sponsored large sections of our collections, and we are very grateful for the generous support. By making the collection accessible to everyone, the American Numismatic Society is able to fulfill its mission to serve members and the public all over the world.



Our exhibitions at the Federal Reserve Bank are very popular, in fact so much so that at times lines to enter the FED can be seen. In particular, *Funny Money*, our temporary exhibition on counterfeit currency, organized with the US Secret Service, is receiving much attention. Members will also be pleased to hear that several major books in the ancient and US field will be published over the next six months. As a benefit of your ANS membership, you have the opportunity to buy these at special pre-publication discounts, which are not available afterwards.

All our services can only be achieved with our members' support and generous donations. I know that many of you appreciate the ANS Magazine, the website, the expert curatorial advice, the Librarian's prompt responses and so much more. Please consider a gift to the ANS at this time, which will help continue all our services to you, our members, and anyone else interested in numismatics.

With best wishes for a good summer,

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