



**ARKANSAS QUARTERS
IN CIRCULATION**

Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee joined United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore at Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro to unveil the Arkansas state quarter on October 28, 2003.

Arkansas became the 25th state to be admitted into the Union on June 15, 1836. The area now known as



Arkansas was originally acquired through the Louisiana Purchase.

The Arkansas quarter design – “Natural Resources” – depicts a diamond, rice stalks, and a mallard in flight above one of the state’s many lakes. The design is an appropriate choice to reflect the abundance of natural resources in the “Natural State.”

**ARKANSAS FIRST DAY COIN
COVERS AVAILABLE
NOVEMBER 17, 2003**

A beautiful collectible, the Arkansas first day coin cover combines state quarters produced on the first day of mintage from both the Philadelphia and Denver



Mint facilities in a handsome envelope bearing a cancellation mark the day the coins are released to the Federal Reserve. These popular items are a must-have for any collector.

**2003 UNITED STATES MINT
ANNUAL COLLECTION**

Coin enthusiasts enjoyed the release of the much-anticipated 2003 United States Mint Annual Collection on September 29, 2003.

The collection, including classic products like the popular United States Mint Proof Set®, the United States Mint Uncirculated Set® and the United



States Mint Silver Proof Set™, features several new products.

New additions to the collection include the 50

State Quarters® Greetings from America Portfolio and State Card Sets, the National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Medal Series, and the George W. Bush Medal, the latest in the United States Mint’s long line of Presidential Medals.



To request a copy of the 2003 United States Mint Collection, call 1-800-USA-Mint or, to order these products online, visit our website at www.usmint.gov.

**2003 AMERICAN EAGLE
PLATINUM PROOF COINS**

Featuring a patriotic new reverse, the United States Mint’s 2003 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins are now on sale. The reverse depicts a bald eagle –

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an enduring symbol of American independence – perched on a branch of a Rocky Mountain Pine, superimposed over a backdrop of Old Glory.

The obverse continues to bear the image of Lady Liberty, gazing serenely and majestically. Each coin contains 99.95 percent pure platinum, and is presented in a blue velvet presentation case with a Certificate of Authenticity signed by the Director of the United States Mint.

ARKANSAS QUARTERS IN TWO-ROLL SETS AND BAGS

Two-roll sets of Arkansas quarters — featuring one roll each of Philadelphia and Denver mint marked coins — became available on October 20, 2003. The two-roll set sells for \$32.00.



Bags of 100 and 1,000 Arkansas quarters are also on sale. Each bag is marked with the Mint of origin. Bags of 100 coins sell for \$35.50 and bags of 1,000 coins for \$300.

FIRST FLIGHT CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COINS HONOR WRIGHT BROTHERS' HISTORIC FEAT

To honor the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' year of the National Wildlife Refuge System, the United States Mint proudly offers the First Flight Centennial Commemorative Coins.

The series features three designs – struck in proof clad, proof silver and proof gold, as well as in uncirculated clad, silver and gold – and preserves

forever the historic moment when the Wright brothers conquered the skies.



A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these limited-edition coins is authorized to be given to the First

Flight Centennial Foundation to aid in the restoration, refurbishment and maintenance of the Wright Monument and Visitor Center in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina.

The clad and silver coins will be struck at the United States Mint's production facility in Philadelphia, while the gold coins will be struck at the United States Mint production facility in West Point, NY.



CLASSY QUARTERS

The United States Mint "H.I.P. Pocket Change" website www.usmint.gov/kids offers new resources for students – including lesson plans based on all five 2003 state quarters!

Grouped into three grade groups (K-1, 2-3, 4-6), each set consists of six lesson plans, one for each of the five new quarters and one general plan. Older students are sure to enjoy the latest feature, a *Web Quest*, which requires students to research their answers online. Teachers at school and parents at home can use these plans to teach math, geography, social studies, art.

Download the free lesson plans, individually or in sets, from our Teachers Section at www.usmint.gov/kids.

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