



# UNITED STATES MINT NEWS & VIEWS

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## MICHIGAN QUARTERS IN CIRCULATION

On January 26, 2004, Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm joined United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore at the State Capitol in Lansing to unveil the Michigan commemorative quarter-dollar coin. On January 26, 1837, Michigan became the 26<sup>th</sup> state to be admitted into the Union.



As indicated by the State's nickname, much of Michigan's history is tied to the Great Lakes - Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario. Together, the lakes encompass more than 38,000 square miles and form the largest body of fresh water in the world. Standing anywhere in the State, a person is within 85 miles of one of the Great Lakes. To assist in navigating, Michigan has 116 lighthouses and navigational lights.

## MICHIGAN QUARTERS IN TWO-ROLL SETS AND BAGS

Two-roll sets of Michigan quarters — featuring one roll of coins each from the United States Mint's facilities in Philadelphia and Denver — became available on January 26, 2004. The two-roll set sells for \$32.00.



Bags of 100 and 1,000 Michigan quarters are also on sale, each marked with the Mint facility of origin. Bags of 100 coins sell for \$35.50, and bags of 1,000 coins sell for \$300.

## WESTWARD JOURNEY NICKEL SERIES – MARCH 2004

To honor the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the reverse of the Jefferson nickel will bear two new designs in 2004. The first nickel is scheduled for release on March 1, 2004, and will feature a rendition of the Jefferson Peace Medal on the reverse. The design will also bear the inscriptions "Louisiana Purchase" and "1803." The second nickel is scheduled for release in late summer and will feature a depiction of the two explorers in a keelboat en route to the West Coast and will bear the inscription "Lewis & Clark."



The United States Mint has named the program the *Westward Journey Nickel Series*. The series will continue through 2006 when an image of Monticello, Jefferson's famous home, will return to the reverse.

Two-roll sets and bags of the 2003 Jefferson nickel are still available for sale. Two-roll sets and bags of the first new nickel for 2004 will go on sale March 1.

This is the first new design for the Jefferson nickel since it was introduced in 1938. The *Westward Journey Nickel Series* will be as beautiful as it is educational.

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## LEGACIES OF FREEDOM COIN SET



On January 28, 2004, the United States Mint will release the 'Legacies of Freedom' coin set. This special product features an uncirculated American Eagle Silver \$1 Coin from the United States and an uncirculated Britannia Silver £2 Coin from the United Kingdom. The Walking Liberty and Standing Britannia designs are both evocative of the freedoms and values that the two Nations share.

This product includes Certificates of Authenticity from both Director Fore and Gerald Sheehan, Deputy Master and Chief Executive of the British Royal Mint, and is priced at \$49.99.

## FIRST FLIGHT CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COINS



To honor the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight, the United States Mint offers the First Flight Centennial Commemorative Coins.

The series features three designs and captures the historic moment when the Wright brothers conquered the skies. The coins are available in proof and uncirculated clad, silver and gold.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these 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.

## THOMAS EDISON COMMEMORATIVE COIN EVENT



In honor of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Edison's invention of the incandescent light bulb, the United States Mint will produce a commemorative coin featuring one of America's greatest inventors.

Director Fore will join Christian Overland, Director of Greenfield Village, on February 11, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., to unveil the new coin. Edison's original Menlo Park laboratory now resides at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan. Immediately following the event, coins will be on sale at pre-issue prices.

Each coin contains 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper and is accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity signed by the Director of the United States Mint. The program will go on sale at [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov), or by phone at 1-800-USA-MINT on February 11, starting at noon.

## MICHIGAN FIRST DAY COIN COVERS AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 19, 2004

A beautiful collectible, the Michigan first day coin cover combines 50 State Quarters<sup>®</sup> Program coins produced on the first day of mintage from both the United States Mint facilities at Philadelphia and Denver in a handsome envelope bearing a cancellation mark on the day the coins are released to the Federal Reserve. These popular items are a must-have for any collector.

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