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Raleigh Coin Club Announces 2019 Raleigh Money Expo™ Promotional Wooden Nickel Design

The Raleigh Coin Club is proud to announce the design for their 2019 Raleigh Money Expo[™] promotional wooden nickel and the club's decision to start a new annual promotional wooden nickel series themed on designs not selected for North Carolina's 2001 Statehood Quarter.

Last year's wooden nickel based on the design submitted by Daniel Carr, designer of the New York and Rhode Island Statehood Quarters, was enthusiastically received by the collecting public. The Raleigh Coin Club was thrilled that Mr. Carr granted us permission to use his design on our 2018 Raleigh Money Expo[™] promotional wooden nickel. Mr. Carr's design, while similar to the final design of our Statehood Quarter, was not chosen in favor of the historic Smithsonian photograph used instead. However, the positive comments generated from both historic and artistic elements of using his non selected design led the club to investigate using other designs passed over for our state's Statehood Quarter for future issues of our Raleigh Money Expo[™] promotional wooden nickel.

A series is born! This year's 2019 Raleigh Money Expo[™] promotional wooden nickel becomes the second annual issue to feature an alternate design not chosen for our state's 2001 Statehood Quarter. The design featured was done by a local Raleigh area resident who prefers to remain anonymous. The design follows a theme seen on many other Statehood Quarters and is especially reminiscent of the South Carolina issue. Its central feature is an outline map of the state with a star showing the capital, Raleigh's position. It also features the state nickname Old North State shown above the state map, the state bird, the cardinal and the state flower, the flowering dogwood superimposed over and around the state map. While clearly symbolic of North Carolina, it was perhaps becoming too common of a concept even by the twelfth issue of the Statehood Quarter program.

The Raleigh Coin Club is currently investigating and seeking permission from other design submitters of 2001 North Carolina Statehood Quarter concepts for use of their designs on future

issues of our Raleigh Money Expo[™] promotional wooden nickel. The club hopes to be able to continue the series for the next few years at least. Additional information about Raleigh Coin Club collectibles, the 2019 Raleigh Money Expo[™] or other general club activities can be found by visiting us at <u>www.RaleighCoinClub.org</u>.

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The 2019 Raleigh Money Expo[™] is shaping up to be North Carolina's largest coin, paper money and stamp show again this year. It will be held at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh on Friday, Saturday and Sunday June 7, 8 and 9. The Expo will feature approximately 150 to 160 tables with dealers coming from up and down the east coast and as far west as California.

The Raleigh Money Expo[™] is a family-friendly event open to collectors, investors and all those with a curiosity about the history of the coins they have inherited or collected. The Expo is also a great opportunity for the public to bring their old coins, paper money and/or stamps to consult with experts who can help them determine what they might be worth.

More information about the show, including Show Schedule updates, can be found at <u>www.RaleighCoinClub.org</u>.

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2019 marks the 46th year the Raleigh Coin Club (RCC) has sponsored the show. The RCC is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to collect and study money and related items; it was organized in 1954. The club meets at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month at the Ridge Road Baptist Church on Ridge Road in Raleigh.

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