Sacagawea Dollars You Didn't Know About

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Background

To attract good fortune, spend a new coin on an old friend, share an old pleasure with a new friend, and lift up the heart of a true friend by writing his name on the wings of a dragon.

– Chinese Proverb

What is a Sacagawea Dollar?

- It is the 2nd and 4th Types of the US series of small dollars
  - 1st is Susan B. Anthony (1979–1981 & 1999)
  - 2nd is Sacagawea Golden Dollar (2000–2008)
  - 3rd is Presidential Dollars (2007–2016)
  - 4th is Native American Dollar (2009–present)
    - Date & Mint mark moved to the edge

What is a Small Dollar?

- **All US small dollar coins have the same size, weight & electronic signature!**
  - **They work interchangeably in vending machines – supported since the 1980's**
  - **26.5mm (1.043") diameter – 2.00mm thick**
  - **8.1 grams weight**
- **Construction (of all but SBA dollars):**
  - **Clad with inner core of 100% copper**
  - **Outer layer: 77% Cu, 4% Ni, 7% Mn, 12% Zn**
  - **Overall: 88.5% Cu, 2% Ni, 3.5% Mn, 6% Zn**

What a Sacagawea Dollar Isn't

- It isn't confused with a Quarter!
  - As Susan B. Anthony Dollars were
  - Edge feel and Color are very different
  - Nobody has problems identifying cents & dimes!
- It isn't circulating! (at least not here)
  - Due to $1 bills still being made
  - And the fear of the old Quarter confusion
- Just about every other major country circulates coins for their $1 & $2 equivalent values, some use $5 coins!

Designers of the Sacagawea Dollar

Randy'L Hedow Teton – Obs model
Thomas D. Rogers – Rev designer Glenna Goodacre – Obs designer
Mary Ellen Withrow – Treasurer of US

Why I Collect Sacagawea Dollars

People really respond to other people's enthusiasm about things.
– Edith Zimmerman

Why I Collect Sacagawea Dollars?

- I like coins with lots of detail, meaning and beauty. Sacagawea Dollars:
  - Have a well executed & detailed design
    - Reasonable relief – not flat
    - Lots of human hair & eagle feather details
    - Clearly designed for a long series & long usage
  - To me, the obverse symbolizes peaceful exploration of a very young and new Nation
    - The baby saved the Lewis & Clark expedition
  - The reverse has a “uplifting” flying eagle
    - On the reverse from 2000 to 2008
    - 2009 to present reverse design changes annually
  - It can be a challenge to collect ‘your’ set

LIBERTY
IN GOD
WE TRUST
2000
S

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
E
PLURIBUS
UNUM
ONE DOLLAR
TGR

The Sacagawea Dollar Reverses

2000–2008 reverse by Thomas D. Rogers

2009 reverse by Norman E. Nemeth

2010 reverse by Thomas Cleveland

2011 reverse, designed by Richard Masters and engraved by Joseph Menna

2012 reverse, designed by Thomas Cleveland and engraved by Phebe Hemphill

2013 reverse, designed by Susan Gamble and engraved by Phebe Hemphill

2014 reverse, designed by Chris Costello and engraved by Joseph Menna

2015 reverse, designed by Ronald D. Sanders and engraved by Phebe Hemphill

2016 reverse, designed by Thomas D. Rogers and engraved by Renata Gordon

2017 reverse, designed by Chris Costello and engraved by Charles L. Vickers

2018 reverse by Michael Gaudioso

2019 reverse, designed by Emily Damstra and sculpted by Joseph Menna

2020 reverse, designed by Phebe Hemphill

Collecting Issues
Toning, Wear & Staining

I'm happy to be content-maker as well as curator, so I'm happy to also be a presenter for amazing things.

– Jason Silva

Toning Issues – New & 1 Day

Toning Issues – 2 & 3 Days

Toning Issues – 4 & 5 Days

Toning Issues – 6 & 7 Days

Toning Issues – 8 & 10 Days

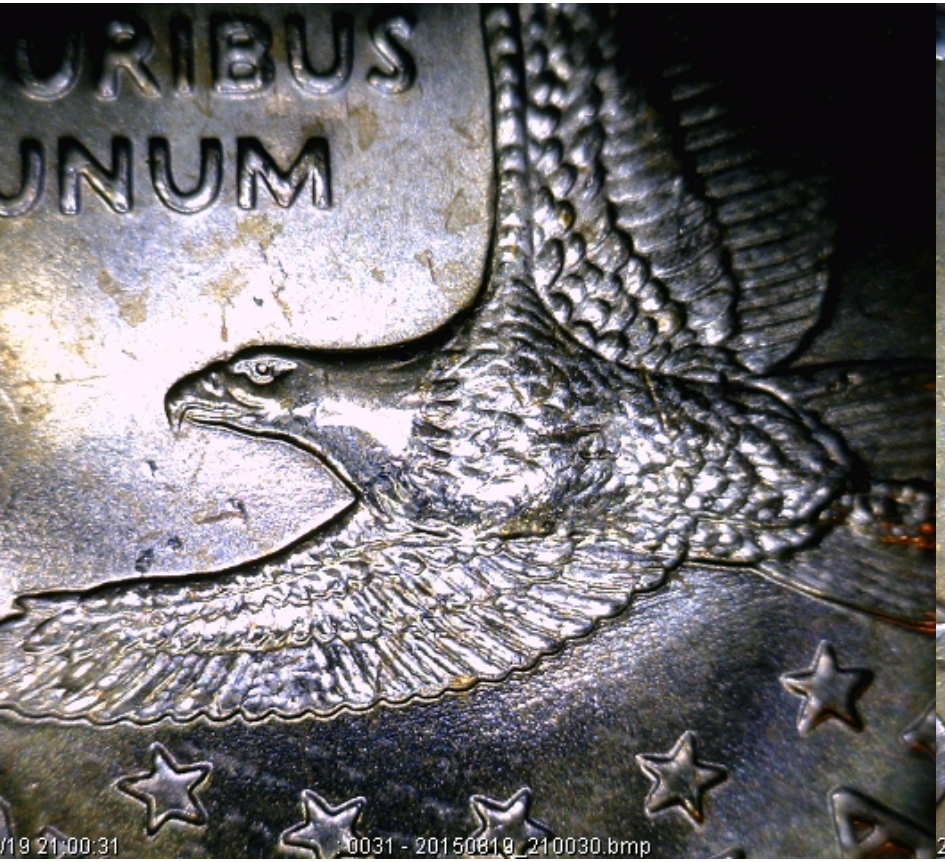
Toning Issues – 10 & 100+ Days

Toning Issues – New & 100+ Days

Hair Close up – New & Worn

Hair Close up – New & Worn

Eagle Close up – New & Worn



More Worn Coins

More Worn Coins

Staining Issues

- "Fresh" from the roll?
  - Can't help these stained coins from the mint
- So protect your 'good' coins!
  - Flips are sufficient

But Nice Toning Can Be Found!

PCGS MS64

NGC PF67

Collecting Options

Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once.

– Lilian Dickson

Collectors Want Options

- Options makes a series interesting
- It adds to the collecting challenge (keys)
- Options allow collections to be tailored to the collector's available $$'s
- And makes each collection unique
- With options it seems there is always something new to learn! (and buy?)
- Sacagawea Dollars Have Options!
  - More than you probably realized

Collecting by Date & Mint Mark

~2,000,000 or more of each, including Proofs

Limited US Mint Products

200,000

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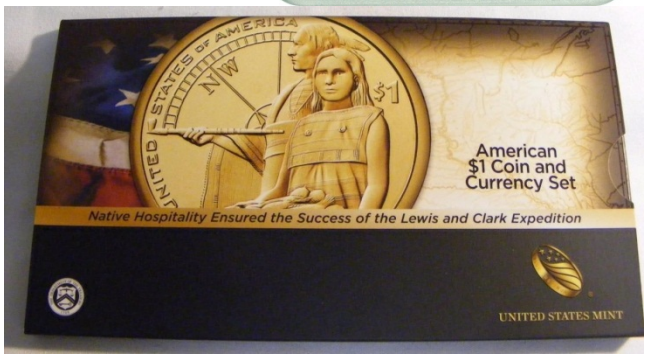
50,000

+ Satin Finish UNCs (2005-2010)

~850,000

< 20 Non-Burnished

75,000



Enhanced Uncirculated

Special non-US Mint Collectables

38

VIP
Strikes

< 600 (P)
+120 (D)

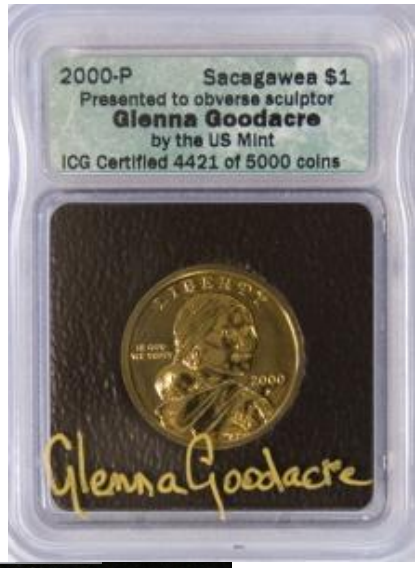
5,000
- 123

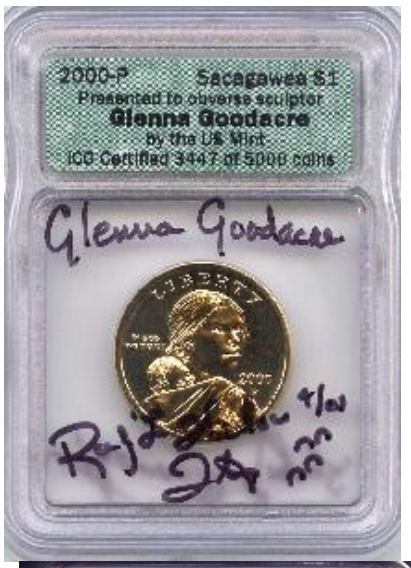
123

~3,000?

Signature Collectables

5,000 Total for all types





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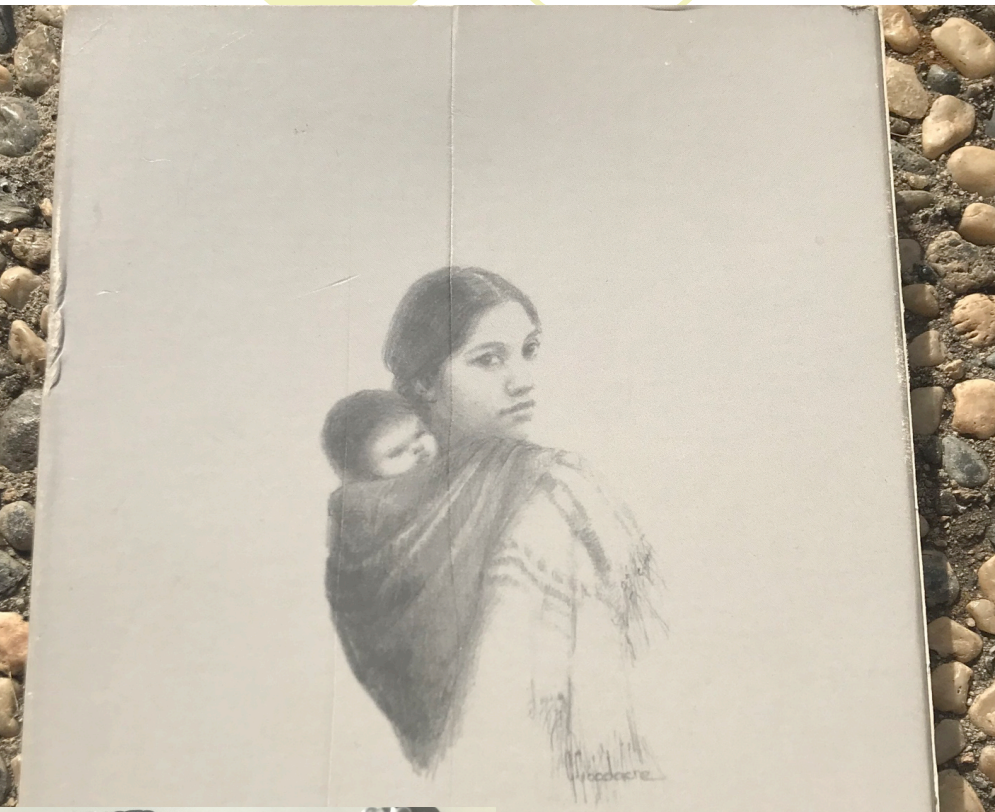
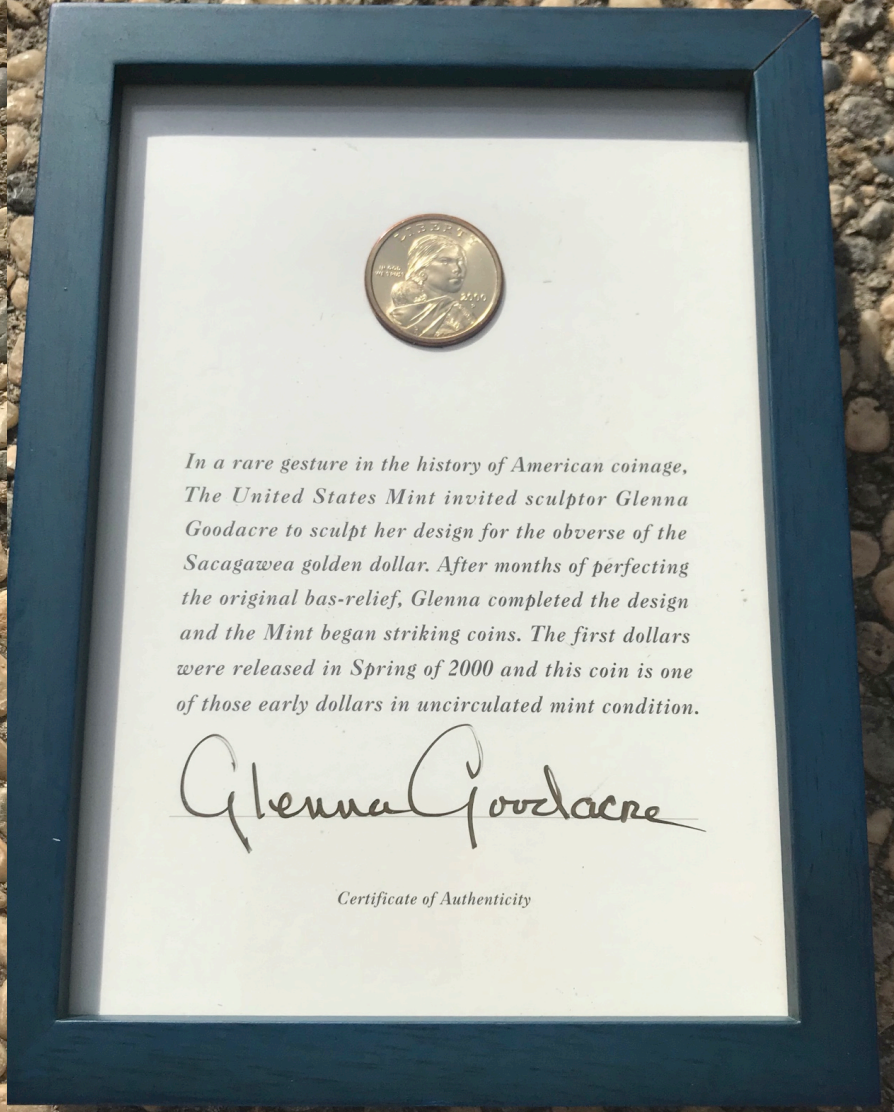
10,000
2000 – 2003
6 per year

More Signature Collectables

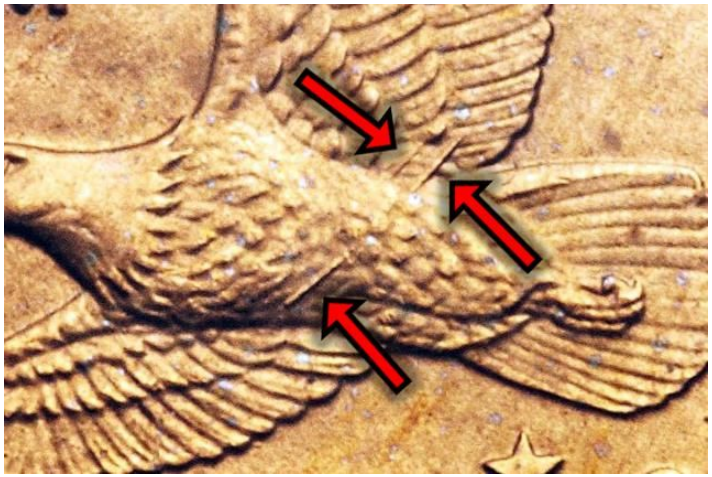




Varieties

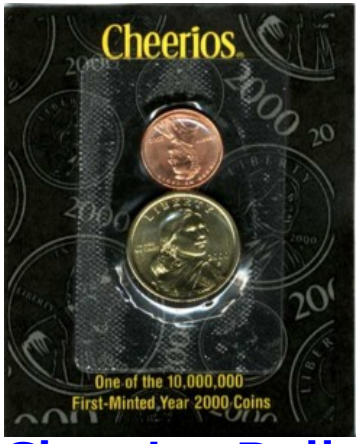
12 of 39 survive

27mm .9167 fine
Gold (1/2 oz)
Has Rev of 1999



Wounded Eagle FS-901

5,500



Cheerios Dollar

Rev of 1999

FS-902

Rev of 2000

Production

Errors

Waffled Dollar

Blank Planchet

Curved Clip

Off Center Strike

Wrong Planchet (US)

More Errors

Double Denomination

Wrong Planchet (foreign)

19 known

Triple Struck

Obs Die Cap

Mule w/Quarter

15 owned by T. Bolack

Even More Errors

Jewelry, etc.

LIBERTY
IN GOD WE TRUST
2003
P

beautiful
&
unique
GUITAR PICK

LIBERTY
2000
P

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
E PLURIBUS UNUM
ONE DOLLAR

LIBERTY
IN GOD WE TRUST

LIBERTY
IN GOD WE TRUST
2008

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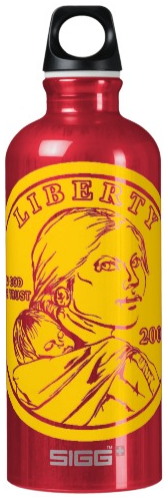
Questions?

Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.

– Voltaire