

NGC Special Display

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Impressive size, attractive design and a relatively high survival rate in Mint State have elevated the Morgan Silver Dollar to a position of prominence in numismatics today. Thanks to its broad and natural appeal, George T. Morgan's creation is more popular among collectors than any other United States coin.

While most numismatists are satisfied to complete a set in whatever grades their budgets may permit, a select few strive to assemble defining collections of outstanding specimens. Such is the M L Moser Collection, the number-one ranked set of Morgan Silver Dollars in the NGC Registry.

A wonder to behold

Complete by date and mint, and including the most popular varieties, the Moser Collection delights the senses. Each coin is a high-grade example of its issue, and all are certified by NGC with the Moser pedigree. Comprising 105 pieces in all, this is an amazing achievement, and its display at this event is courtesy of Mr. Moser and NGC.

The remarkable challenge

A lifelong collector from the Midwest, Mr. Moser points to the NGC Census when explaining the challenge of building this set. Of the 105 coins, 13 pieces are singularly the finest certified; they are population one with none higher. Looking deeper, 61 coins are either the single finest known or are tied with other coins for the highest grade certified. They cannot be improved upon. Perhaps this last statistic is most telling: of the 105 coins in the set, 96 coins (91%) are either finest known, tied for finest known, or bettered by only 10 or fewer coins.

1881-CC S\$1 MS 68



Obverse

Carson City dollars have an appeal all their own, and this stunning gem is tied with just two others as the finest examples of the 1881-CC certified by NGC (7–11).

1881-S S\$1 MS 68+★



Obverse

A simply amazing specimen, this dollar is the sole example certified by NGC as MS 68 with both the plus (+) and star (★) designations. It is perhaps the ultimate type coin.

Collection highlights

With so many remarkable coins, it's difficult to say which deserve special mention, but we can try. Carson City dollars are always collector favorites, and the Moser Collection includes several stunning examples. The 1879-CC dollar at MS 65 is a great start. This variety has a normal mintmark, actually rarer than the popular "Capped CC" variety (also found within this collection as an attractive MS 64 specimen). An MS 67★ example of the 1880 8/7-CC VAM-5 overdate (VAM is an acronym for variety book authors Van Allen and Mallis) stands out as well. Another CC jewel, the 1881-CC dollar, is a beauty at MS 68.

San Francisco Mint silver dollars dated 1881-S are abundant, but how often does one see the single finest-certified piece, an MS 68+★? Other "S" Mint highlights include the very scarce 1884-S (MS 63) and 1885-S (MS 66★), the conditionally rare 1892-S (AU 55) and the key date 1893-S (AU 53). Other pieces notable for their exceptionally high grades are the 1895-S and 1896-S (both MS 66).

Morgan Dollars are also known for sometimes being found with Prooflike (PL) or even Deep Prooflike (DPL) fields. The highly reflective fields of these eye-catching coins offset frosted devices, much as one would see in a proof coin. One of the Gem highlights from the Moser Collection is the 1878 7-over-8 Tailfeathers VAM-41A variety (MS 65 DPL). Some of the other beauties in this collection are the 1886 (MS 66 DPL), 1887-O (MS 65★ DPL) and the low-mintage 1899 (MS 66 DPL).

The many popular varieties that make the Morgan series notable are likewise included within the Moser Collection. In addition to the 1880-CC overdate already described, the coins displayed here include an overmintmark—1882-O/S VAM-5 (MS 65). Both of the 1887 overdates are included as well. The Philadelphia Mint 1887/6 VAM-2 grades an impressive MS 66, and NGC certified the Moser Collection 1887/6-O VAM-3 as MS 64.

1895-S S\$1 MS 66



Obverse

The San Francisco Mint silver dollars of 1895 are scarce in any grade of Mint State, yet this jewel tops the list as one of only four pieces tied for finest graded by NGC (7–11).

A pedigree that commands respect

It shouldn't come as a surprise that a couple of the highlights from this important set are also pedigreed to a famous collection of the past. Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr., assembled the only complete set of United States coins ever formed, and his name still commands respect among numismatists. Former Eliasberg coins in the Moser Collection include the 1887-S (MS 67) and 1888-O (MS 67), both singularly the finest pieces certified.

When viewed in its entirety, the M L Moser Collection is a truly memorable experience, brought to you with pleasure by Mr. Moser and NGC. We hope you enjoy this rare opportunity and spend some quality time with these outstanding coins.

1896-S S\$1 MS 66



Obverse

Sometimes overshadowed by more glamorous issues, the 1896-S dollar is an important condition rarity, the Moser specimen being tied with just three others certified as MS 66 by NGC (7-11).



Reverse

1880-O S\$1 MS 65



Obverse

Although easily located in circulated and low Mint State grades, the 1880-O becomes very rare at the MS 65 level. NGC has certified just 26 pieces in MS 65 and one in MS 65 Prooflike. None has been graded finer (7-11).



Reverse

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