

Largest Political Memorabilia Convention in the Nation Buttons Up Nashville

More than 100,000 buttons at July 29-August 1 Show & Sale

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NASHVILLE, Tenn., July xx, 2021 – Tennessee, a state rich in political history, is hosting the nation’s largest political memorabilia convention to celebrate the impact of campaign collectibles on American history.

The American Political Items Collectors (APIC) brings together collectors, political junkies, and button aficionados from across the nation for seminars, to view displays of historic campaign items and to buy, sell, and trade buttons. The APIC National Convention is set for July 29-August 1 at the Nashville Sheraton Music City featuring more than 200 dealer tables.

“Last year’s important presidential election and social justice movements renewed interest in the impact of political expression” said Carter Todd, APIC Convention Chair. “Our collectors have a wide array of political memorabilia that documents past elections and social change in America.”

Guests can expect to find an assortment of items at an APIC National Convention. These include political buttons and campaign posters, presidential inaugural memorabilia, advertising and miscellaneous pinbacks, civil rights and social justice items, women’s suffrage, pop culture buttons, historical, sports, cartoon, and entertainment buttons, and patriotic World War I and World War II ephemera, political textiles, photographs, and much more.

Political buttons can range from \$1 to \$10,000 and APIC members range from students to stockbrokers and everything in between. The national convention is a great opportunity for new collectors to learn more about this fascinating hobby.

Although the humble campaign button is the most recognized and widely collected of all campaign memorabilia, also exhibited will be medals, ferrotypes, autographs, ribbons, posters and postcards. These represent past presidential campaigns, third party candidates, local statewide candidates and political causes like the suffrage and civil rights movements. There will also be every imaginable type of vintage pop culture collectible for sale.

“We are excited to get together safely this year to celebrate and learn more about our rich history,” Todd added. “The pandemic forced the cancellation of this show last year, but as conditions are improving and appropriate measures have been adopted, we are confident this show will be one of the biggest in APIC history,”

The public is invited to attend the convention July 31-August 1. Admission is free and those who have items can get free appraisals of political items, buttons, ribbons, etc. Additionally, after receiving a free appraisal, attendees may opt to have their political items auctioned to the highest bidder. Show hours are Saturday, July 31 from 9 AM to 4 PM; and Sunday, August 1st from 9 AM-2 PM.

APIC members will attend seminars addressing a variety of topics, and leading collectors will display selected items from their personal collections. There will be a seminar focused on the Nashville civil rights movement featuring rare artifacts.

Other impressive displays include original campaign memorabilia for Tennessee Presidents Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk, much of it never seen before in public. As a follow-up to last year's centennial celebration of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, there will be displays of women's suffrage campaign items and artifacts.

Rare presidential campaign buttons from William McKinley, William Jennings Bryan, Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt (including his 1934 visit to Tennessee) and many more will also be on display. There will be literally thousands of buttons for sale or trade from newer presidents including Clinton, Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden.

FAST FACTS

What: APIC National Political Memorabilia Convention
When: July 31 (9 AM - 4PM) and August 1 (9 AM - 2 PM)
Where: Music City Sheraton, 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville
Cost: FREE Admission for the public
BONUS: FREE appraisals of political memorabilia
Web: www.apic.us
Visuals: Historic political posters, presidential campaign buttons, young and veteran collectors.

For more information or interview requests, please contact Convention Chair **Carter Todd** at ctodd@kirklands.com or (615) 305-8903.

About the APIC:

Founded in 1945, the American Political Items Collectors (APIC) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to promoting the collection, preservation and study of materials relating to American political campaigns and the presidency. The organization's membership includes educators, students, archivists, historians, Members of Congress and local elected officials, campaign staffers, journalists, museum curators and former US presidents.

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