

## Arizona State Quarter Exhibit: Capitol Museum brings history to Arizonans

The Arizona Capitol Museum is bringing the Arizona Commemorative Quarter Exhibit to communities across the state. The traveling exhibit is available on short-term loan to educational, cultural and civic organizations throughout the state of Arizona at no cost except for shipping (around \$25). This striking exhibit consists of three 3' x 7' self-contained, rollup banners that tell the story of the quarter. The first banner highlights the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters® program and includes illustrations of all 50 quarters. The second banner describes the Arizona Quarter Commission's solicitation of over 4,000 narrative design concepts and the selection of the design that Governor Janet Napolitano recommended to the Mint. The third banner details the creation of the quarter.



One of the traveling exhibits is currently on loan to the Pinal County Treasurer's Office. "We are so grateful that we could bring this exhibit to Pinal County," County Treasurer Doty Doolittle said. "We are hoping that school children, coin collectors and history buffs will have a chance to stop by our office to enjoy the exhibit."

### Artist rendering of the final design



The Arizona state quarter enters circulation June 2, 2008. Left to right: Artist rendering of the selected design and the final design as seen on an uncirculated Arizona quarter.  
(United States Mint images)

Fittingly, the Arizona quarter features a banner declaring Arizona the Grand Canyon State with a depiction of the canyon, along with a Saguaro cactus and a variety of other native plants. The final design was selected from more than 4,200 possible design descriptions reviewed by the Governor's Arizona Quarter Commission. The Commission narrowed the ideas down to five finalists and submitted the descriptions to the U.S. Mint for consideration.

The Mint then had its engravers and sculptors create sample renderings that Governor Janet Napolitano submitted for a statewide online vote. In May 2007, Governor Napolitano announced that voters in the online poll had selected the "Grand Canyon with Saguaro Cactus" design.

The traveling exhibit is made possible by Wells Fargo Bank, the Governor's Office and the Arizona Capitol Museum, a division of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

3 sets of the exhibit are currently traveling throughout the state. Underwritten by Wells Fargo Bank and produced by the Museum, the exhibits have been displayed in 27 venues since July, many more reservations await the exhibits. The ease in which displays are shipped (rolled up in a tube), their portability once on site, ease of setup – it literally can be set up in minutes, and light footprint, has made the exhibits quite popular.

### Official, circulated Commemorative Quarter

