

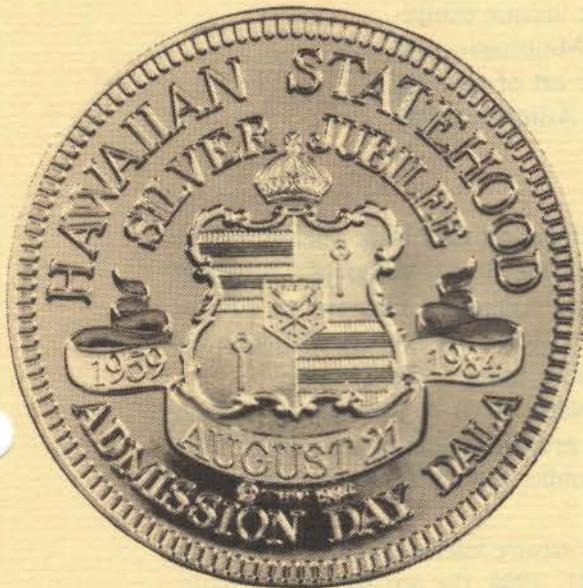
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STATEHOOD ISSUE

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## SILVER JUBILEE!

A Kingdom Lost—A Paradise Found

The 25th Anniversary of  
Statehood Day

is Commemorated with

**ADMISSION DAY DALA  
AUGUST 21, 1984**

*Aloha,*

*You are cordially invited to "Pau Hana"  
at The Mint. Open House will be held at  
The Hawaiian Mint from 4 to 6 p.m. on  
Wednesday, August 15, 1984, to celebrate  
Admission Day!*



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## ADMISSION DAY DALA — SPECIAL ISSUE

A special Minting Exhibition will be held to commemorate the most significant day of this Statehood Year, Admission Day, August 21, 1984.

The Hawaiian Mint invites you to a unique exhibition: In small, private groups, The Mintmaster will give guests an insider's look into the art of minting by permitting them to mint their own Admission Day Dalas in gold, silver and bronze.

The Hawaiian Mint is pleased to announce the Admission Day Dala celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Statehood for Hawaii. This coin continues the obverse design of Liliuokalani; the Queen who bravely fought against fate to retain her Kingdom. The reverse, a beautiful new design, commemorates the very day, August 21, 1959, that President Eisenhower signed the Act of Congress admitting Hawaii as the 50th State in the Union.

This coin incorporates the Queen Liliuokalani obverse from the famous Huth coin series of 1891. It was thought by some to have helped precipitate the revolution of 1893 that eventually led Hawaii from a Kingdom to a Republic, then a Territory and at last to Statehood.

The reverse of this coin was especially designed to ensure lasting quality. It features the 25th anniversary date of Admission Day, August 21, 1984: the *last day of the issue*.

The Admission Day Dala continues the 39mm silver dollar size, the same as the Statehood Dala and the Centennial Dala, making it a significant addition to that collection and a beautiful set for Statehood. Each coin will be proof minted in the finest gold and silver and certified by The Hawaiian Mint to contain one Troy ounce of .999 Fine Gold or one Troy ounce of .999 Fine Silver. The issue is also available in bronze.

The offer to obtain this Admission Day Dala is strictly limited to orders received before August 21, 1984. Because this is the last day of issue, this could be the smallest issue ever produced at The Mint. With so few of these Dalas minted, it is likely that their value will increase faster than any previous issue.

After August 21, 1984, last day of issue, no new coins will be available at any price. Only coins ordered prior to that date can be obtained, at significantly higher prices, from the original collectors. When all orders have been filled, the die will be destroyed. (Please note our buy/sell offer on Queen Liliuokalani Silver Statehood Dalas on page 4.)

Because this is such a limited offer, The Mint has set aside some low numbers for Mintline readers. But to ensure that we can fill all the reservations, we must impose a limit on the number of coins in a single order.

**YOU MUST USE THE ENCLOSED SPECIAL REGISTRATION FORM** to reserve your coins.

We hope you will accept our invitation to join us for the special minting and celebrate the historic event of the 25th Anniversary of Statehood by minting your very own Admission Day Dala. Attendance at this unique minting exhibition is by invitation only, although you are welcome to bring a guest. The Mint will not be open to the public during the reception.

All of us at The Mint wish you a happy Silver Jubilee. And remember, this special offer expires on August 21, 1984 so please return your reservation forms now to ensure a low number.

### Gold

Limited number edition, available individually for only \$559. A complete set, including the silver and bronze presented in native Hawaiian "Koa" wood is \$595. Please add \$5 for insurance, shipping and handling.

### Silver

Limited number edition. Available individually for only \$29 each. Silver set, including bronze, for \$34, plus \$3 for insurance, shipping and handling. After August 21st, this coin will sell for at least \$40.

### Bronze

Limited edition for only \$9, plus \$2 for insurance, shipping and handling.

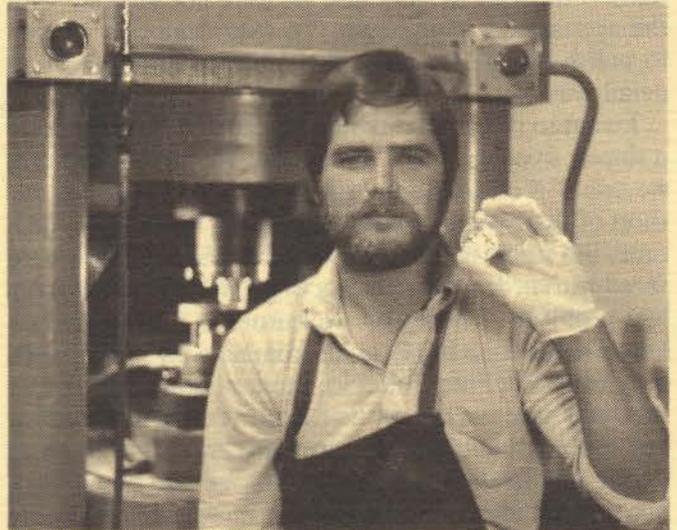
## FIRST COLLECTORS POLL

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to return the poll included in the last Mintline. The computers are now busy crunching up the results and we will publish a summary in the next Mintline. Those of you who returned the survey received a very special pattern, struck just for you. Less than 1,000 made. Our thanks for helping us with this first collectors poll.

If you filled out our poll and/or placed an order but have not yet received your coin, you may be one of the few who forgot to include your complete name and address. Please drop us a line with the particulars and we will be most happy to respond.

## BOOK PUBLICATION DELAYED

With so many exciting things happening at The Hawaiian Mint, it was decided to postpone publication of "Hawaiian Coins and History of The Hawaiian Mint" until the conclusion of this Statehood year so information on the special issues can be included. Therefore, the prepublication offer of \$9 per copy will be extended until November 1st and the new publication date will be December 1984. A detailed catalogue, including prices, of all the coins from The Mint will be completed for inclusion in the book.



Paul Burke proudly displays the first Admission Dala in front of the 600 ton press.

## SPOTLIGHT ON PAUL BURKE

*Editors note: This is the first of a new series in The Mintline, "Spotlight on the Staff," which will feature profiles of the small but dedicated group that make the coins. Today let me introduce:*

### PAUL BURKE, MINTMASTER

Thirty-one-year old Paul Burke, good looking and gregarious, took to coin making like a natural.

"My Dad owned a machine shop in New England and I grew up around tool and die machinery," says Paul. "I guess that's why I feel so comfortable here at The Mint."

Prior to moving to Hawaii about 18 months ago, Burke had been a surveyor along the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Looking for a friendlier climate, Burke came to Hawaii and worked in construction. In fact, he was working for the contractor who renovated the building that houses The Mint and showed such an interest the Director asked if he would like to learn the art of minting.

"I had always made the coins myself," says von NotHaus, "but our expanding business kept me at administrative chores and I realized I needed someone at the press."

Paul is now involved in every aspect of the mintmaster's art. He melts the metals, stamps the blanks and strikes the coins.

"Every day it seems there is something new to learn," says Paul. "I love working with the precious metals and I get a real feeling of pride when I create a beautiful, perfect coin. I'm glad Bernard decided to discontinue the 18k; it was such a problem to handle, and really, why use 18k when .9999 is the best?"

## DIRECTOR UNHAPPY WITH IKI

Aloha Friends of The Mint:

First let me say that I was extremely unhappy with the poor quality of our Iki Statehood pieces. We had more problems than I can ever relate. The metal was extremely difficult to work and we were not satisfied with the appearance of the coin. To overcome this we had to polish the die so often, that lettering and important detail was lost.

I want to thank all of you who ordered Iki's and offer a sincere apology at the same time. We anticipated that we could produce about 100 coins a day—we fell far short of that. We have been making the 18k Iki's for some time, but never in any great quantity. So when we were faced with orders for nearly a thousand coins, we really had problems. The lesson we learned is that we will no longer make coins in 18k gold; from now on we will work only with .999 Fine Gold. So, those of you who got 18k Iki's, you have the last of their kind. We will not produce any more. Quality and integrity are important to us so if you are dissatisfied with your Iki, we will buy it back but we cannot replace it. In the meantime, a sincere mahalo to all of you for your patience and understanding.

As noted elsewhere in the Mintline, our Silver Statehood Dala issued has sold out, and if you are interested, we will buy back from you.

This summer I will attend the American Medallist Sculptors Association workshop for minters, designers, engravers and sculptors. It will be a three-week course at Penn State and among the experts will be Elizabeth Jones, Chief Engraver for the United States Mint. The workshops will include hands-on classes and instructions in the latest techniques in the art of minting and field trips to Medallist Arts and The Franklin Mint.

Don't forget our exciting reception to introduce our new Admission Day Dala. I hope all Friends of The Mint can join us on August 15.

## PROBLEMS BESET IKI PRODUCTION DIRECTOR CALLS HALT TO ISSUE

The Gold Statehood Iki issued turned out to be relatively small, less than 1,000 were ordered and we are grateful for that because these coins were very troublesome to produce and package and the results were far less than perfect. As a result, Bernard von NotHaus, the Director, has discontinued the entire issue of 18k gold.

In an effort to maintain the appearance of the coins, the dies had to be polished so frequently that some of the lettering was polished off. It seemed that no matter

what we did, things just got worse. The quality of our coins is extremely important to us, so if you feel your coin is not acceptable you may return it for a refund. We will not replace it because it was a First Day Issue and in addition, we will not be making any more 18k gold coins.

## STATEHOOD DALA SOLD OUT

The Hawaiian Mint is pleased to announce that the Silver Queen Liliuokalani Statehood Dala was completely sold out as of June 15, 1984. The limited, numbered issue of 5,000 was exhausted in record time and is now only available through third party purchases. Anyone wishing to sell back their Silver Statehood Dalas are asked to contact The Mint. Currently we are bidding (to buy) at \$35 each and sell at \$45. The Hallmarked First Day of Issue that Friends of The Mint ordered for \$29 are now \$40 bid and \$50 ask.\*

Please call or write to confirm buy back price. The Mint reserves the right to limit quantities or change buy back policy at anytime. There are 205 Gold sets still available at \$750 each and we will continue taking orders for these until December 31, 1984. The reverse die will be destroyed after all the gold sets are struck.

\*(in original packaging)

## OFFICIAL STATEHOOD MEDAL



We have a limited number of The "Official" Statehood medals to offer at this time. Please note that this medal was not minted in Hawaii by The Hawaiian Mint, nor is it the fine proof quality that we are known for. First introduced in August 1983, it is available in one Troy ounce of .999 Fine Silver. Because poor records were kept, we have no idea how many were sold, but we understand it is a fairly large issue of approximately 25,000. We are offering this coin at \$39. To order please use the special reservation form.

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