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## Royal Hawaiian Gold The Year's Most Exciting New Issue

The Royal Hawaiian Mint's premier issue, Royal Hawaiian Gold - 1989, continues to exceed expectations and excite collectors, dealers and coin buffs. This collection of five gold Hawaiian Crowns are the new issue success story of 1989!

The first inklings of the impact this collection would make came back in January, before the official announcement of the issue, when our office here in Honolulu began receiving calls from dealers and collectors inquiring about the rumors of the issue. Once they learned that the entire issue would be limited to only 400 individually numbered sets, many callers reserved sets on the spot.

The official announcement of the issue was carried in the Spring issue of MINTLINE and the response from our readers was overwhelming!

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## ALOHA GOLD A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!

The Mint has learned of a rare opportunity to acquire one of our very exclusive sets of ALOHA GOLD - 1988. The Bid Price for the set is \$1900.

To "sweeten" the offer, the Royal Hawaiian Mint will make a set of Royal Hawaiian Gold -1989, with the same number as the Aloha Gold set, available to the buyer. If the buyer already owns a set of Royal Hawaiian Gold-1989, the Mint will exchange it, at no cost, for a set with the matching number.

As you may well remember, only 88 sets of Aloha Gold were ever struck and all but two sets (which are kept in the RHM archives) were completely gone within a few weeks. The original price was \$1500 a set. Since then, the price has continued to climb and many of our friends and patrons have asked how they could obtain one of the first sets.

If you are interested, please send your check (made out to Royal Hawaiian Mint) in the amount of \$1900 to : The Mintmaster, ROYAL HAWAIIAN MINT, Post Office Box 900, Honolulu, Hawaii 96808.

The first check to be received at The Mint offices, will be awarded the set. You will then be contacted to see if you wish to have a set of Royal Hawaiian Gold - 1989 with a matching number. All other checks will be returned immediately.

### NOTICE

If you purchased a 1988 ALOHA GOLD set and have not ordered your 1989 Royal Hawaiian Gold set and intend to, please order NOW. No Royal Hawaiian Gold sets will be held back after this MINTLINE expires November 6, 1989.



## BIG Hawaiian Commemorative of Captain Cook Noted Western Discoverer of Hawaii

I can't remember when we have featured a product that was not minted at the Royal Hawaiian Mint, but here it is!

I have just found a unique five ounce Silver replica of the 1928 Hawaiian Sesquicentennial U.S. half dollar. Each piece is beautifully minted with five ounces of .999 Fine Silver. Priced at only \$110 each and with a very low mintage anticipated, its a nice piece for any Hawaiian collection.

Please look for this five ounce commemorative on the special reservation form to order.



## 1989 HAWAII DALA

### Commemorating Hawaii's 30th Anniversary of Statehood

With President Dwight D. Eisenhower's signature, Hawaii became the 50th state to join the United States in 1959 and the 50th star in our flag.

Hawaii, the "Star of the Pacific", is celebrated on the reverse of the 1989 Hawaii Dala with both the US and the Hawaiian State Flag and a big star just for the Aloha State. The obverse features a new portrait of Kamehameha, the first king and uniter of Hawaii.

The 1989 Hawaii Dala is only available in silver. Each 39mm Dala comes packaged in a presentation box with a certificate for only \$15.95. Our Christmas Special of 10 Dalas is only \$125.

This annual issue of only 2500 Dalas is nearly sold out. All orders will be excepted on a first come basis. Please order early to get the latest eighth annual Dalas since 1982.



### BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Our congratulations and best wishes to the Big Island Coin Club on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. The Royal Hawaiian Mint is proud to have been selected to produce and strike the Commemorative Medal, marking the event.

The medal features, "Madame Pele the Volcano Goddess of Fire" as she is often seen amongst the smoke and flames of a Big Island eruption. The reverse presents such a life-like engraving of the Big Island of Hawaii that you can almost make out the boat ramp at Puako!

Each medal is 39 mm proof struck in .999 fine silver and gold, individually hand numbered by The Mint on the coin's edge so as not to distract from the designs.

We are fortunate to have reserved 25 of the limited numbered edition of only 250 medals. We are sure that such a small issue will be sold out immediately.

Any Big Island residents who are interested in learning more about the club's events and activities should contact Mr. Rick Howsley, President, Big Island Coin Club, P.O. Box 6114, Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704.

Congratulations Big Island Coin Club! Mahalo, Bernard.

## ALOHA COLLECTORS,

Well, I've just returned from my annual two month numismatic tour with my two sons. We had a great time visiting the mints, gold mines and related businesses of the great "Northwest". But now we're back home and the sets of Royal Hawaiian Gold are flying out of here. As you can see we have kept MINTLINE very short so that we could bring you the enclosed color brochure. Hope that everyone can get a piece of Royal Hawaiian Gold, if not a set check out the singles on the S.R. form. All five sizes are still available with the King and Queen designs. The single is the sleeper of the year. Buy a King and Queen in any size and make your own set.

Also, if you are lucky enough to get an Aloha Gold set, please remember that we have reserved a set of Royal Hawaiian Gold with the same low serial number. Please order by November 6, 1989.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Bernard von Nothaus, Editor

### A WORD ABOUT "EXPIRATION DATES" AND SHIPPING AND HANDLING

Each issue of MINTLINE usually offers several items, which we invite you to order. The Special Reservation Form we provide carries a line at the bottom which reads, "Offer Expires...", followed by a date. In the past, we have taken a very lenient attitude toward procrastinators by honoring their orders if at all possible.

This has created several problems for us, as we are a manufacturer. Unlike a retail outlet, The Mint which actually mints each order and late order involves costly set-up procedures. While we are always ready to do everything we can to please customers as loyal as you, we have begun strictly enforcing the "Offer Expires..." dates on all offers in the MINTLINE.

So, if you see something you want for yourself...or would like to give as a gift...please order it before the Offer Expiration Date.

Also due to the average cost of our postage and the addition of a shipping clerk, we have raised the shipping and handling fee from \$2 to \$3.

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Interest in ROYAL HAWAIIAN GOLD - 1989 reached a new peak shortly after an article by David L. Ganz, appeared in the May issue of COINage magazine. By the time the mint closed for the summer numismatic tour, less than 100 sets remained unreserved. More than 300 sets had either been sold to individual customers or reserved by coin dealers. When the mint reopened, right after Labor Day, more orders were waiting to be filled. More importantly, the selling price held firmly just under the \$1500.00 mark, despite a decline in Gold.

As this issue of MINTLINE goes to press approximately 55 sets of ROYAL HAWAIIAN GOLD -1989 remain unreserved. It is anticipated that dealer orders, expected during the next few weeks will exceed that supply. Before those dealer orders are filled, we are offering MINTLINE readers one final opportunity to reserve a set of ROYAL HAWAIIAN GOLD-1989 directly from the Royal Hawaiian Mint at \$1437 per set ---\$50 below the current marked price! This offer is valid until November 6, 1989. Please call 808-833-6368 collect TODAY to reserve your set.

The usual conditions will apply...1) you may not order more than two (2) sets...2) orders are subject to availability and will be accepted only on a first-come, first served basis...3) this offer will expire on Monday, November 6th. There will be no extension of this deadline.