



ROYAL HAWAIIAN MINT

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— S U R P R I S E —

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend
The GRAND OPENING Of Our NEW MINTING FACILITY,
1421 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu,
At 1 PM on Saturday, June 9th, 1990

The weekend of June 9 - 11th is a very special holiday here in Hawaii... the King Kamehameha Day Weekend. It will be even more special for us because it will mark another milestone in the growth of the Royal Hawaiian Mint, because that's when we will open our new facility in Honolulu. I want to extend an open invitation to each and every one of you to stop by whenever you're in Honolulu, so I can have the chance to meet you personally.

For those of you who live in Honolulu... or will be visiting us over this holiday weekend, I ask you to join us at 1:00 for the blessing and a very special minting ceremony complete with champagne and sushi till 5:00 PM.

Our new headquarters are in the historic King Kalakaua Building at King & Kalakaua in the old Kamaaina section of Honolulu. It houses our offices and the entire minting operation. We have displays on the heritage of Hawaiian coinage, which will eventually become The Mint Museum. Our new phone number is 949 - 6468 (WHY-MINT).

The minting operation is in an open area where you can stand just six feet from the Mintmaster and actually see us minting the King's coins right before your eyes. Special minting exhibitions are performed at 10 AM and 2 PM every weekday. To my knowledge, ours is the only private mint on exhibition in the world!

Negotiations for a new location began late last year. Commercial space is expensive and very difficult to find in Honolulu. More than once, we thought we had a "lock" on the new facility, only to see some problem delay the opportunity. We had prepared a statement for our May MINTLINE, but withdrew it at the last minute because of the uncertainty.

I know that distance makes it impossible for many of you to attend our Grand Opening, but for those of you who can, I urge you to stop by because part of the pleasure and pride of this moment will be sharing it with you, our loyal collectors and friends.



The Honolulu Dala A Very Special Issue For A Very Special Event



This occasion would not be complete without minting a Special Commemorative Dala. Accordingly, we will be minting the new Honolulu Dala... or "Honodala"... measuring 39 mm in diameter and struck on Silver Blanks containing one full ounce of .999 Fine Silver.

Because our Grand Opening is during the King Kamehameha Day Weekend, the obverse features the famous statue of the king. The reverse bears a magnificent outline of Diamond Head. The Honodala is available at The Mint. Up to... and including King Kamehameha Day (June 11th), all Honodalas will bear a special 13 mm counter-stamp. The obverse counter-stamp will feature the same portrait of Queen Lilioukalani that appears on the Royal Hawaiian Gold - 1990 Issue. The reverse counter-stamp bears the legend, "Royal Hawaiian Mint - Grand Opening - 6/9/90 - Honolulu."

If you want one of these specially counter-stamped Honodalas, you may purchase them through this invitation, using the special Grand Opening Order Form. Your order must be post-marked, no later than Midnight, June 11th (which is King Kamehameha Day). Orders post-marked after that date will be returned. The special counter-stamped Honodala will be available for just \$15.95...the same as at The Mint.

The \$15.95 price is the price of the "naked" coin. However I strongly recommend that you collect this important counter-stamped issue packaged in the Deluxe Presentation Box with a Certificate of Authenticity, for just \$19.95!

One other thing... all orders received by mail will be serviced by mail. If you plan to attend our Grand Opening, you may purchase your Honodalas during your visit... "but you know it's going to be a little hectic." So we will not be able to give you mail ordered items during our Grand Opening.

More Good News — Visa/MasterCard!

Effective immediately, you may charge your purchases from the Royal Hawaiian Mint on your Visa or MasterCard. Like our new facility, the acceptance of Visa and MasterCard represents another milestone in the growth of the Royal Hawaiian Mint.

We are proud to make this easier payment method available to you. For the time being, we are limiting credit card use to mail orders only... NO PHONE ORDERS... yet!

We have always prided ourselves on servicing our customers in the best way possible. Credit card phone orders, during the Grand Opening Weekend, will likely result in busy signals... delays in credit approvals... and other irritating inconveniences to you, not to mention additional stress and frustration to our staff. We are also restricting credit card sales at The Mint during our Grand Opening Weekend only. Credit card sales will be accepted during the Grand Opening, only as time permits. Once all the wrinkles are ironed out, we will be happy to accept credit card orders by mail, by phone or at The Mint.

Thank you for collecting our work

Much ALOHA!

Bernard von NotHaus
Mintmaster