

Sale Name: 14th Annual Montana Spring Auction

LOT 2 - SS Central America Gold Nugget Framed Display



Description

Authenticated California Gold Rush Nugget SS Central America 1857

Authentic gold nugget weighing 0.9 grams recovered from the legendary SS Central America shipwreck, professionally framed in a gilded wood shadowbox display. This historical treasure features the actual gold nugget in a certified PCGS holder (#6310), accompanied by a signed Certificate of Authenticity from Collectors Universe. The elegant presentation includes detailed historical documentation about Commander William Lewis Herndon, the ship's discovery in the 1980s, and the California Gold Rush era.

The display showcases four meticulously arranged panels: the encapsulated gold nugget, a lithograph of the sinking ship, biographical information on Commander Herndon, and the historical context of the SS Central America disaster. This gold is distinguished as being mined by actual Forty-Niners, making it an exceedingly rare piece of American history.

The custom-framed display features a gilt lattice border, navy blue mat backing, and protective glass. The shipwreck gold has been authenticated, evaluated, and encapsulated for preservation. All documentation and historical information panels remain in excellent condition with clear text and imagery.

This item represents opportunity to own a piece of American Gold Rush history recovered from the famous "Ship of Gold" that sank in 1857 with over 30,000 pounds

of California gold. The recovery operation in the 1980s by the Columbus-America Discovery Group was a landmark achievement in deep-sea salvage at over 8,000 feet below the ocean's surface.

Condition Notes: The display case shows minor wear consistent with age. No damage to the encapsulated gold nugget, which remains securely housed in its protective PCGS holder. Certificate of Authenticity is intact with clear signature. Refer to the pictures and in person inspection for condition.

Approximate Dimensions: 24 × 18

Quantity: 1



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