



BICENTENNIAL MEDAL DESIGN COMPETITION

BOX 1976 / FRANKLIN CENTER, PENNSYLVANIA 19063

May 10, 1972

Miss Laura Gilpin
409 Camino Del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Bicentennial Medal Design Competition

Dear Miss Gilpin:

Last month you selected ten semi-finalist designs from among the 223 submitted by artists in the State of New Mexico.

These ten designs have been photographed in 1½" size (the principal size in which the medals will be minted). They are mounted together on one card, enclosed with this letter, so you can compare them side by side, and see how well each design looks in the size of a small medal. The designs have been reviewed by our National Advisory Panel and by our technical experts, and their ratings appear next to each design.

It is now up to you and your fellow judges to select the four final prize winners for the State of New Mexico. The number-one choice of your State Judging Panel will receive a \$5,000 cash prize and will be the medal design representing New Mexico in our set of 50 State Bicentennial medals. The second prize winner will receive a \$2,500 cash prize; third prize winner will receive \$1,500; fourth prize winner, \$1,000.

Enclosed is your Official Ballot. Also enclosed is an envelope addressed to Merves and Company who will tabulate the ballots. We would appreciate it if you would cast your ballot as soon as possible, preferably within the next five days.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous cooperation throughout this judging procedure. When the complete set of medals is ready, we will be sending you a sterling silver proof set. You can be justly proud of your important role in the selection of the design representing your State.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Walton
Fine Arts Director

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9 any choice for 1st.
5 for 2nd
" 7 " 3rd
8 " 4th
3 5th