



Over the past month, several changes have been made to the U.S. Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change™ Web site (HPC), specifically with teachers in mind! To help you learn about, “What’s New For You” explore some of the links that have been listed below.



**February’s Coin of the Month** – Flip the Mint Seal is flipping over this month’s special coin! Check in to find out why a coin called the Spanish Silver Dollar was used as American currency.

**The Real Tour of the Mint** – Are you interested in sharing the minting process with your students? Well, both the Denver and Philadelphia Mint facilities are open once again for school tours. Stop by Coin News to see how you can arrange a class trip to either of these locations. Also, if you are in the Denver area, take note of the special Speakers Bureau which allows for Mint visitors to come and speak at your school!

**Fun Facts** –A new Fun Fact is available on HPC each month, but you don't have to settle for one fun fact at a time! You can have even more fun and see pictures that go with the facts on the special Fun Facts pages. Just click on a fact at the top of any HPC page and learn some little known stories of the United States Mint and American coinage!



**Teachers’ Guide** – There’s a ton of material on HPC that’s perfect for use in the classroom! Visit the updated Teachers’ Guide to see how your everyday curriculum can be enhanced through the use of coins and HPC!

**Teacher Features** – While you can always find these great classroom ideas in the Teachers section of H.I.P. Pocket Change, be sure to click on the Teacher Feature icon whenever you spot it on the site to find ideas that relate directly to whatever you’ve just read!

Feature Name	Related Content	Covered Curricular Area
1. <a href="#">Change in Technology</a>	February’s Coin of the Month	Social Studies



**50 State Quarters® Program Lesson Plans** – In case you missed this last month, download these brand new FREE lesson plans that were created specifically with the 2003 quarters in mind! For grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-6, they will expand your students’ knowledge about the individual states, related history and geography, and the rich diversity of our national heritage.

## **An additional spot to visit in February**



Last February, Inspector Collector put part of his collection of [Congressional gold medals](#) on display. To celebrate Black History Month, visit Inspector Collector's "Medal Mania" workshop, where he has grouped all the medals that relate to Black history together. Alongside the beautiful images of the medals, you'll find descriptions of the people who received them and some of the accomplishments that won them the honor of being cast in gold.

All of these resources, and more, are at your fingertips each time you return to [H.I.P. Pocket Change!](#)

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*Thanks again for your interest in all HPC activities. If you find this information useful, make sure you share it with a friend!*