

GRAND CASINO PRESENTS

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GULF COAST
COLLECTOR
COINS

1996-1997 LIMITED EDITION SERIES





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GRAND CASINO PRESENTS THE 2ND EDITION OF THE GULF COAST COLLECTOR COIN SERIES


The great blue heron, oak tree, Biloxi schooner, and gulf shrimp come to life in this amazing limited edition coin collection. These coins were specially minted and commissioned exclusively for Grand Casinos and you! And as a valued *Grand Advantage Players Club* member, you can get them *absolutely free!*

Grand Casino commissioned the South's leading wildlife artists Joe Latil and Wayne Spradley to illustrate the collection. The result is a series of 24 karat gold-plated, high-relief coins

that are sure to be sought after by collectors for years to come.

Don't miss getting your coins! Simply bring each attached coupon to the *Grand Advantage Players Club* Center during its listed redemption period for your FREE coin! Be sure to pay special attention to those dates—we don't want you to miss out!

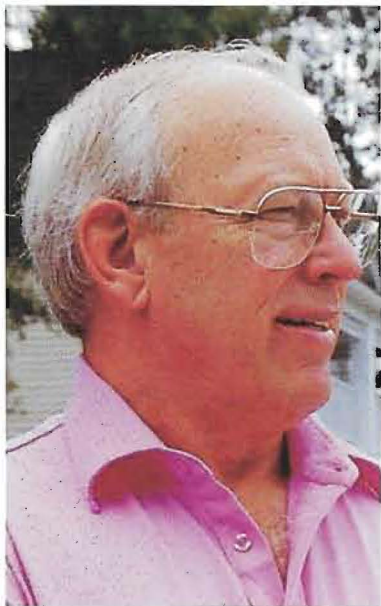
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COAST ARTIST JOE LATIL ILLUSTRATES “BILOXI SCHOONER” AND “GULF SHRIMP”

A professional artist since the age of sixteen, Joe Latil of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, is the perfect example of a man who has made it on his own. Joe Latil has been self-taught every step of the way, and has become one of the South's leading wildlife artists. The rigid standards he sets for himself can be seen in every detail of his most recent achievements: Mississippi Waterfowl Stamp 1986–87, Mississippi Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year 1985, Mississippi Ducks Unlimited Supplemental Print Program 1985, and First Sequel Mississippi Ducks Unlimited Print for 1986. It is certain that Joe's art will continue to flourish as some of the most collectable art available today.

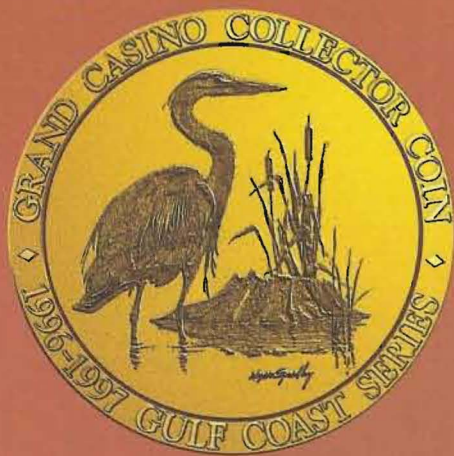




WAYNE SPRADLEY CAPTURES “GREAT BLUE HERON” AND “OAK TREE” FOR SERIES

Wayne Spradley of Pell City, Alabama, and owner of Wayne Spradley Gallery, has been a professional artist since 1968. Wayne’s nationally known work is also exemplified by many major art awards (over 300) and displays in a number of major exhibitions. His award-winning Alabama Duck Stamp

led him to honors as Ducks Unlimited Sponsor Artist of the Year and the Ducks Unlimited Golden Shield Award for his contributions to the organization. Spradley’s paintings are in major corporate, private, and museum collections all over the United States and abroad.

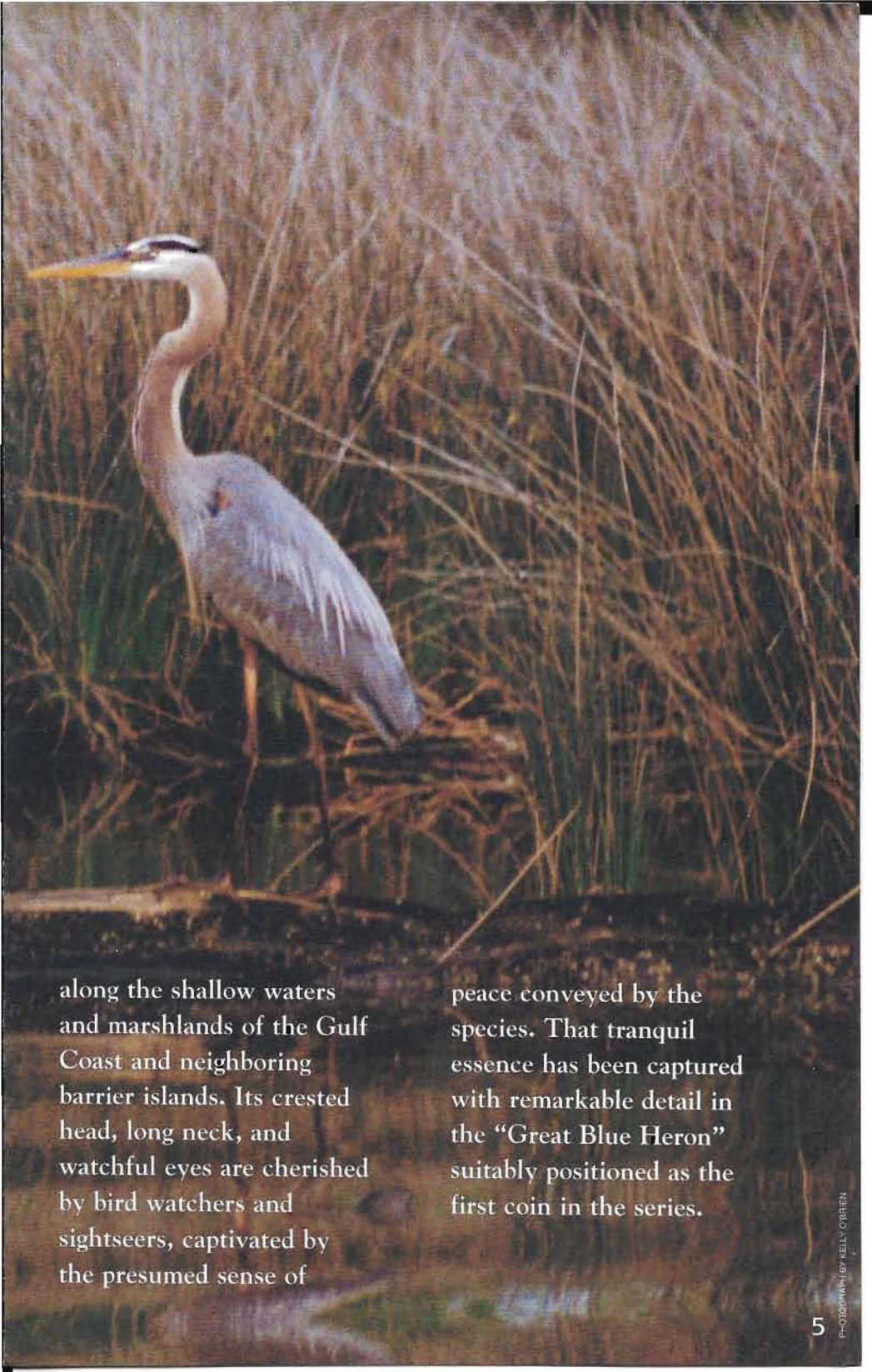


GREAT BLUE HERON

ISSUED ONLY ON THESE DATES:
8 A.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 21—
MIDNIGHT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1996

COIN ONE

The 1996-97 Gulf Coast Collector Coin series is launched on the wings of the "Great Blue Heron." And most appropriately, for in any season, this large, slate blue American heron can be seen fixed



along the shallow waters and marshlands of the Gulf Coast and neighboring barrier islands. Its crested head, long neck, and watchful eyes are cherished by bird watchers and sightseers, captivated by the presumed sense of

peace conveyed by the species. That tranquil essence has been captured with remarkable detail in the “Great Blue Heron” suitably positioned as the first coin in the series.



GULF SHRIMP

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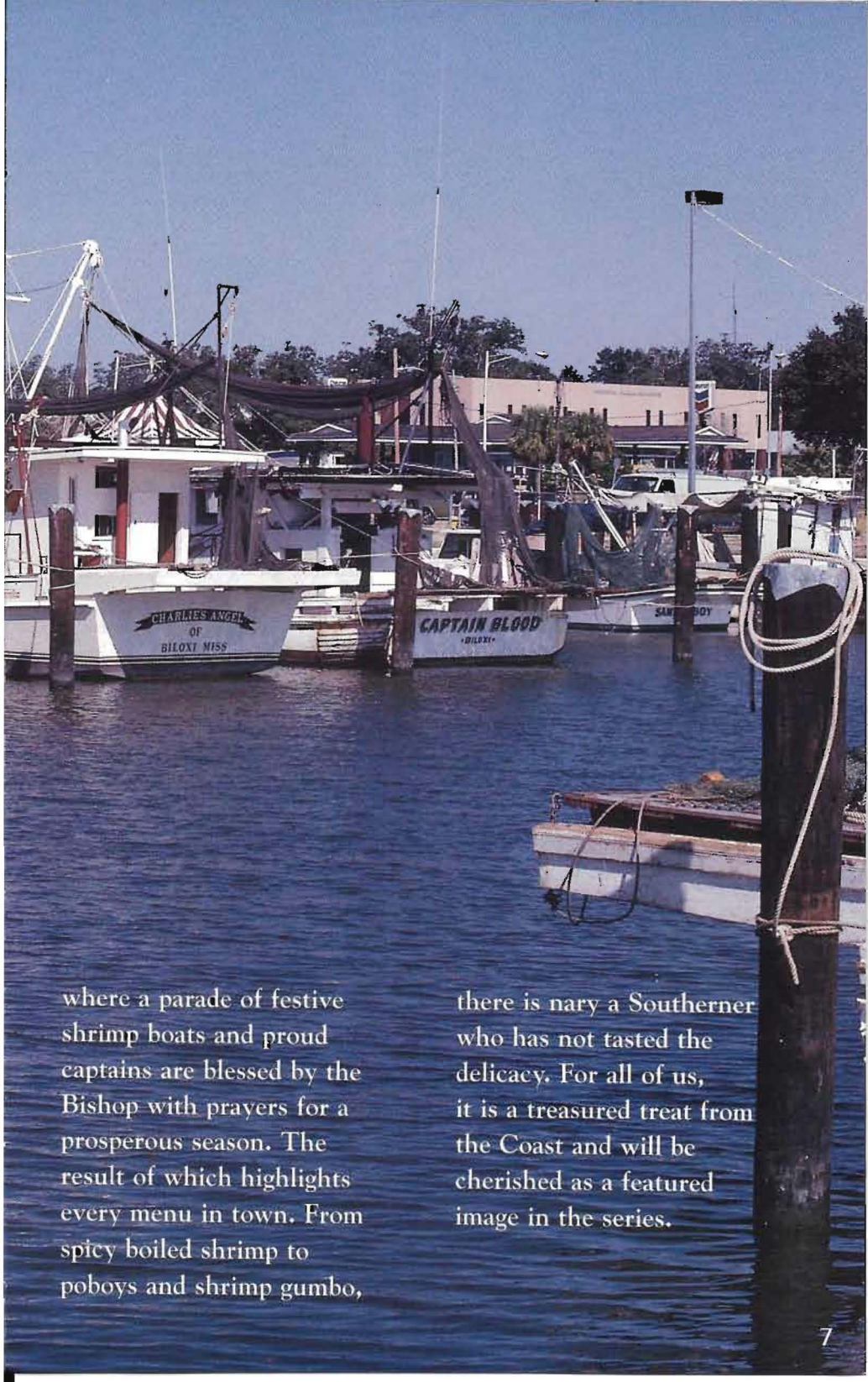
8 A.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4—

MIDNIGHT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1996



Our second collector coin celebrates shrimping, the most important fishing industry in the United States. The shrimping season is marked each year by the traditional "Blessing of the Fleet,"

COIN TWO



where a parade of festive shrimp boats and proud captains are blessed by the Bishop with prayers for a prosperous season. The result of which highlights every menu in town. From spicy boiled shrimp to poboys and shrimp gumbo,

there is nary a Southerner who has not tasted the delicacy. For all of us, it is a treasured treat from the Coast and will be cherished as a featured image in the series.



OAK TREE

ISSUED ONLY ON THESE DATES:

8 A.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18-

MIDNIGHT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1996



To artisans it is a symbol of strength, friendship, and wisdom. A land marker to historians. The perfect climbing tree to children. To residents of the Gulf Coast, the oak tree is so much a part of Southern

COIN THREE



life, it was perhaps the most obvious choice for the series. The expanding trunk and twisting moss-laden limbs of the oak tree carry the weight of decades. Though it continues to stand, despite the most destructive

hurricane winds or winds of modernization. And so it will in this collection, remain immortalized forever in 24 karat gold on the face of our third Gulf Coast Collector Coin.



BILOXI SCHOONER

ISSUED ONLY ON THESE DATES:

8 A.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 2—

MIDNIGHT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1996



Our fourth and final collector coin charts the sail of an authentic replica of a Biloxi oyster schooner from the late 1800s. From

COIN FOUR



sunset sails to seaside weddings, the schooner can be seen sailing the Gulf waters at full mast making memories for loyal patrons and tourists alike. It is

only fitting we anchor this collector coin series with the "Biloxi Schooner," a Gulf Coast icon that has weathered the test of time.

This is a special offer for *Grand Advantage Players Club* members only! These limited-edition coins are available free, but only during these distribution dates. Don't miss your chance to collect all four!

DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

COIN ONE:

GREAT BLUE HERON

8 a.m. Monday, October 21–
midnight Sunday, November 3, 1996



COIN TWO:

GULF SHRIMP

8 a.m. Monday, November 4–
midnight Sunday, November 17, 1996

COIN THREE:

OAK TREE

8 a.m. Monday, November 18–
midnight Sunday, December 1, 1996



COIN FOUR:

BILOXI SCHOONER

8 a.m. Monday, December 2–
midnight Sunday, December 15, 1996

HOW TO GET YOUR COINS

Getting your coins is easy! Simply bring in the appropriate coupon to the *Grand Advantage Players Club* Center at Grand Casino Gulfport or Grand Casino Biloxi during its redemption period to receive your coin. It's that easy! You'll receive your first coin and a beautiful felt-covered display case that will protect and display the entire collection—free!



If you'd like to own more than one set, additional coins will be available in the gift shops at Grand Casino Gulfport or Grand Casino Biloxi at \$50 a set, or \$12.50 for each single coin.

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTOR'S PRIZE DRAWINGS

Each time you pick up a free Gulf Coast Collector Coin, you'll also get an entry to win a piece from a variety of artwork including the priceless original illustrations or wall-mounted plaster casts used to produce select coins in the collection! We'll draw the lucky winners at our Collector's Prize Drawings scheduled at Grand Casino Gulfport on Saturday, December 21, 1996, and Grand Casino Biloxi on Sunday, December 22. The party starts at 4 p.m. inside the Carnival Lounge at Gulfport, and the Grand Cabaret Lounge in Biloxi.

Joe Latil and Wayne Spradley will also be present to sign autographs—don't forget to bring this book!

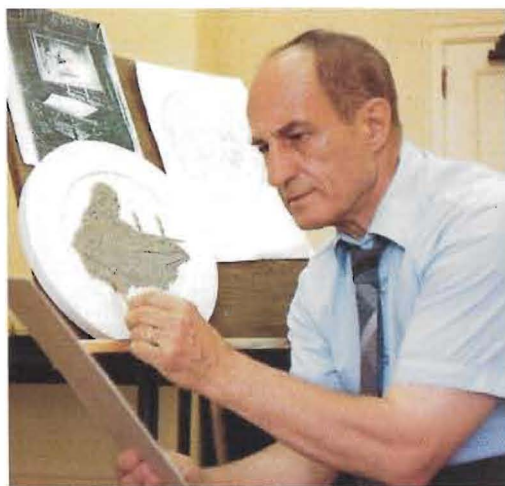
FRANK GASPARRO, UNITED STATES LEGEND, DESIGNS FOR GRAND CASINOS

Frank Gasparro, perhaps most noted for his Lincoln Memorial design on the reverse side of the Lincoln cent, began his career at the United States Mint in December of 1942. Frank went on to design the reverse side of the world's most popular coin, the Kennedy half dollar. Later he designed both the front and back of the Eisenhower and Susan B. Anthony dollars before retiring as Chief Sculptor-Engraver of the United States in 1981.

Although noted for coin design, Frank Gasparro also

has designed an impressive list of medals including the Nation's official Bicentennial Medal, the Mint Presidential medals from Presidents Johnson to Carter, and most recently the reverse design for the 1995-96 Gulf Coast Collector Coins, and the \$5 gold piece honoring the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

It is an honor to have the "Norman Rockwell of American Coinage" design the reverse side of the 1996-97 Gulf Coast Collector Coin Series.



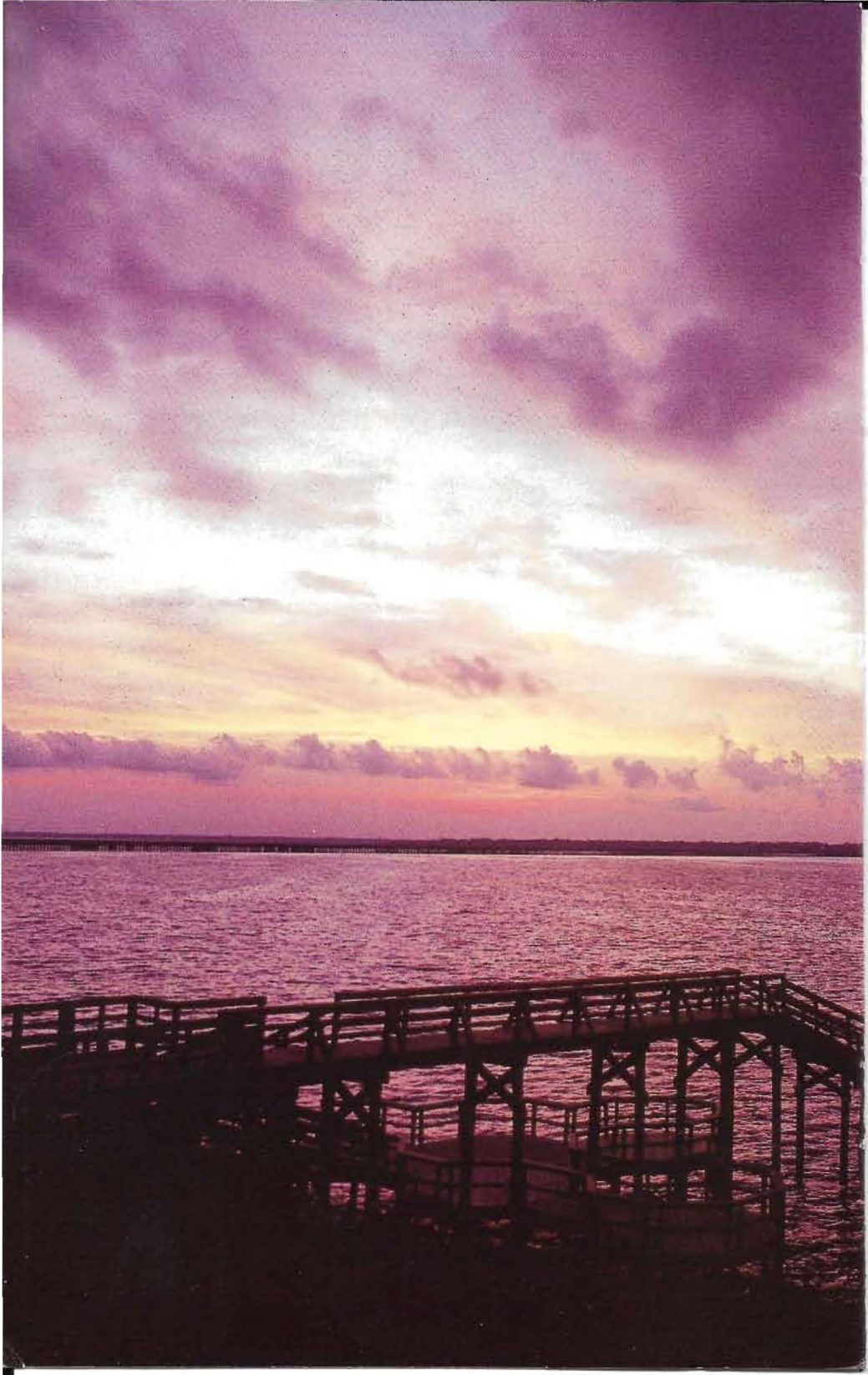
Grand Casino Gulfport and Biloxi are excited to bring you this beautifully crafted collection. Sealed in 24 karat gold, the coins are sure to become collectors' items and family heirlooms for you, your children, and grandchildren. Don't miss your chance to own this limited-edition series!

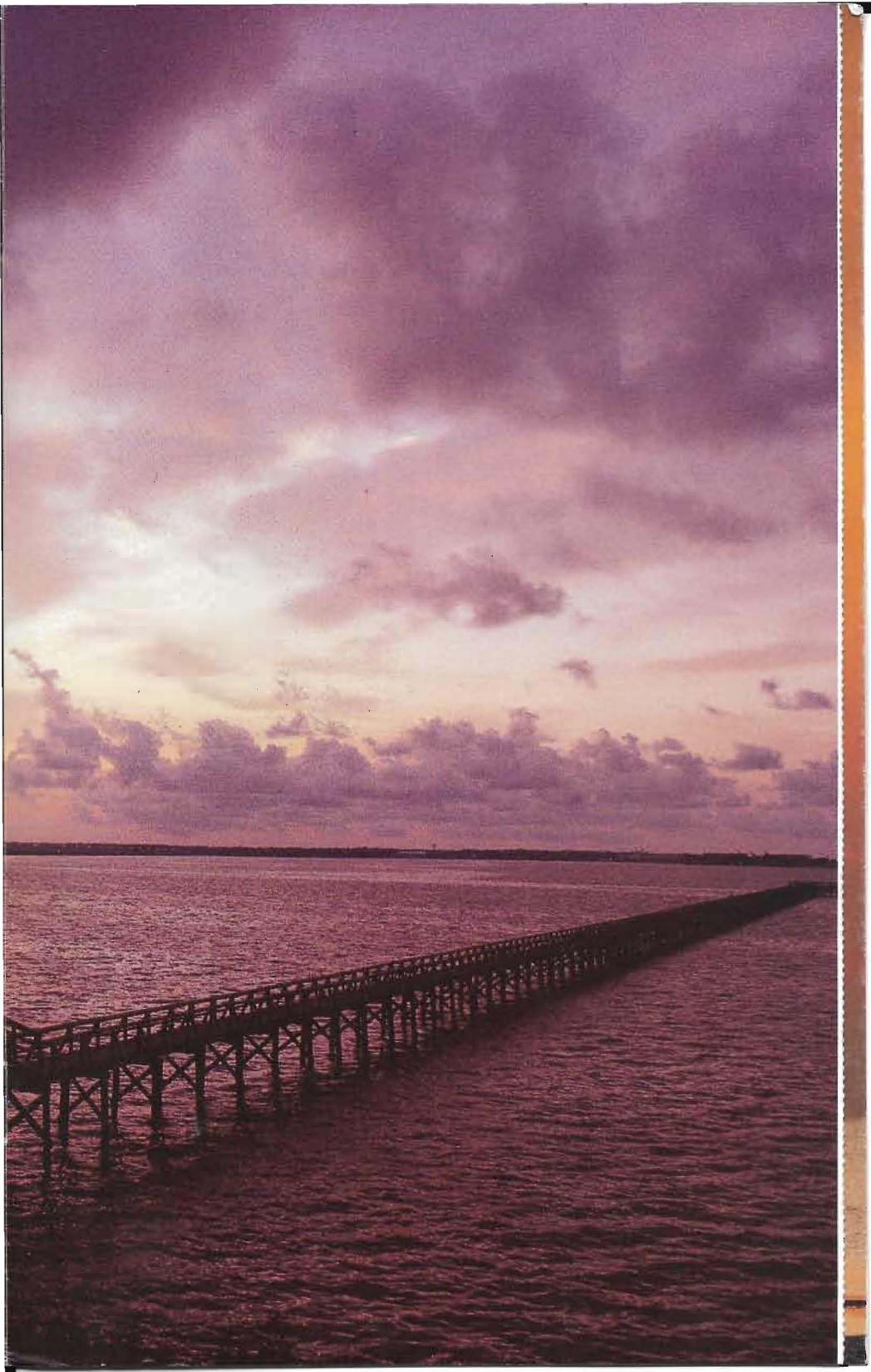
SPECIAL BONUS REDEMPTION PERIOD

8 a.m. Monday, December 16–midnight Sunday, December 22, 1996

If you miss one of the redemption periods, don't worry! We're holding a special Bonus Redemption Period where you may redeem one coupon for a collector coin you might have missed, while supplies last!









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