



FIRST SPOUSE SERIES

ONE-HALF OUNCE PROOF AND UNCIRCULATED COINS

HIGHLY COLLECTABLE SERIES

American First Ladies are now honored with First Spouse Gold Coins, which are one-half ounce, 24 karat pure gold coins minted in collector proof and uncirculated versions. This series of gold coins introduced in 2007 and set to last until 2016 compliment and are released on the same schedule as the US Mint Presidential \$1 program which honors past Presidents at a rate of four gold coins each year.



THE FIRST SPOUSE GOLD COINS PROGRAM

The program is the first to feature women in a consecutive series of legal tender coins. The series of gold coins is authorized through the Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005, which was signed into law (Public Law 109-145) on Dec. 22, 2005 by President George Bush. It calls for the following coin specifications:

- A \$10 denomination
- The same diameter as the \$1 coins
- Issued as counterparts and during the same period as the circulating Presidential \$1 coins

There are two cases where a President has had more than one wife during service and two coins are issued, like John Tyler. Tyler's first wife Letitia died during his second year in office. Tyler later married Julia while still President. Under the program, both Letitia and Julia First Spouse Coins were produced.



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JULIA GRANT FIRST SPOUSE GOLD COIN *FIRST LADY, 1869–1877*

The second release for the year and the nineteenth release for the First Spouse Gold Coin series overall will feature Julia Grant. She was the wife of President Ulysses S. Grant. The coins are struck in one half ounce of .9999 fine gold.

Julia Dent first met Ulysses S. Grant at her family plantation called White Haven. At the time, he was a West Point cadet and friend of her brother. After several proposals, the two were engaged and married four years later. When her husband commanded the Union forces during the American Civil War, she moved her home to be as close to him as possible. She called her time as First Lady, the happiest period of her life, and entertained often and lavishly.

The obverse of the Julia Grant First Spouse Gold Coin features a portrait by Donna Weaver. The inscriptions include “Julia Grant”, “In God We Trust”, “Liberty”, “2011”, “18th”, and “1869-1877”.

A scene of the future President and First Lady horseback riding at White Haven is pictured on the reverse. The image was designed by Richard Masters and sculpted by Charles L. Vickers. The surrounding inscriptions include “United States of America”, “E Pluribus Unum”, “\$10”, “1/2 oz.” and “.9999 fine gold”.

COIN SPECIFICATIONS

Designer: Donna Weaver (obverse), Michael Gaudio (reverse)

Sculptor: Richard Masters (obverse), Charles L. Vickers (reverse)

Date: 2011

Mint: West Point (W mint mark)

Weight: 0.5000 troy oz. (15.554 g)

Composition: 0.9999 fine gold

Diameter: 1.041 inches (26.49 mm)

Thickness: 0.074 inches (1.88 mm)