

## 200th Anniversary of the Lincoln Birth — Cent and Dollar



Not to be out done by the USPS, the federal mint is releasing its five coins over the next nine months.

The first one-cent coin will feature a new reverse design that represents Abraham Lincoln's birth and early childhood in Kentucky. Chronologically, this would cover the years of his life from 1809 to 1816.

The log cabin is representative of his humble beginnings in Kentucky. The motto "E Pluribus Unum" and the words "United States of America" and "One Cent" are included. The date of Lincoln's birth 1809 is also included.

The designer of the reverse is Richard Masters and the sculptor is Jim Licaretz. The coin is scheduled for release on February 12, 2009.



In addition to the this one-cent piece, a Silver Dollar will be also issued on 12 February. This coin features an obverse design based on a sculpture of Lincoln created by Daniel Chester, which sits in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.

The reverse of the coin was designed and sculpted by Phebe Hemphill. It features the last 43 words of the Gettysburg Address, surrounded by a laurel wreath. The inscription reads, "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of hte people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Additional inscriptions include "United States of America," "E Pluribus Unum," and "One Dollar." Lincoln's signature is also reproduced below.

The proof coin will cost \$37.95 and the uncirculated coin will cost \$31.95. The maximum mintage for the coin is 500,000 each.



The second one-cent reverse design will represent Lincoln's formative years in Indiana. Chronologically, this covers the years of his life from 1816 to 1830.

The reverse depicts a young Abraham Lincoln taking a break from rail splitting to read a book and educate himself. The motto "E Pluribus Unum" and the words "United States of America" and "One Cent" are included.



The designer and sculptor of the reverse is Charles Vickers. The coin is now scheduled for release on May 14, 2009.

The third one-cent reverse design for 2009 will represent Lincoln's professional life in Illinois. Chronologically, this would cover the 31 years of his life from 1830 to 1861.

The reverse depicts a young professional Abraham Lincoln standing before the Illinois State Capitol. The motto "E Pluribus Unum" and the words "United States of America" and "One Cent" are included.

The designer of the reverse is Joel Iskowitz and the sculptor is Don Everhart. The coin is scheduled for tentative release into circulation on August 13, 2009.

The fourth and final reverse design represents Lincoln's Presidency in Washington, D.C. Chronologically, this covers the years of his life from 1861-1865.

The reverse depicts the United States Capitol Dome which is half completed. The motto "E Pluribus Unum" and the words "United States of America" and "One Cent" are included.

The designer of the reverse is Susan Gamble and the sculptor is Joseph Menna. The coin s tentatively scheduled for release on November 12, 2009.



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Given the cost (1.8¢) of minting the penny, this may be near the last issue of this coin in this format.