The Carlisle250 Commemorative Coin

The *Carlisle250 Commemorative Coin*, celebrating the semiquincenntennial of Carlisle Minutemen's march to Concord's North Bridge and "the shot heard around the world," is now available for purchase. The coin, forged in the USA with an antique bronze finish, commemorates the historical importance of April 19, 1775, to past, present, and future Carlisle inhabitants. The front of the coin features the Carlisle250 logo, which includes symbols of Carlisle's colonial past. The back of the coin depicts a Minuteman overlooking a map of the old route from Carlisle to Concord's North Bridge. This image is a reproduction of the common reverse side of the trail walk medals issued in 1975 for the Bicentennial.

This *Carlisle250 Commemorative Coin* will be the centerpiece of an 8-coin collection. The seven additional coins will be trail walk medals, issued for the Estabrook trail walks for 2025 - 2031. All seven trail walk medals will have a unique and historically significant front design and a back design featuring the common reverse side of the 1975 coin. The Carlisle250 Committee expects to make a formal bound coin holder available for safe keeping this 8-piece coin collection. Many Carlisle residents participated in the trail walks surrounding the Bicentennial, and today they treasure the medals they collected at that time.

Background: On April 19, 1775, a small band of Minutemen from surrounding Middlesex County villages, including what is now Carlisle, encountered British Regulars at the North Bridge in Concord. A short skirmish followed and thus began the War of Independence from which our nation was born. Each year on April 19th the townspeople of Carlisle retrace the footsteps of the 16 colonists who participated in the fight at Concord's North Bridge. The route is commonly called the Estabrook Trail, and at the time was a well-used route to Concord because the North Bridge was the only bridge over the Concord River. The Bicentennial medals were sponsored by the Carlisle Colonial Minutemen, a group dedicated to the study and preservation of the Carlisle history of April 19, 1775.

The Carlisle250 Committee is offering the Commemorative Coin for $15. The coin can be purchased on this website (carlislehistory.org) or the Carlisle250 website (carlisle250.org).

Be part of history! Collect all 8 coins; they are the perfect gift for friends and family.