The Club Français de la Médaille released this 68-mm-diameter medal of silvered copper alloy in 1972. As designed by Annette Landry (born 1907), the obverse features a bust of China’s Huang Di (left), who lived, at least in myth, from 2698–2598 BCE. When this legendary “Yellow Emperor” was not inventing the first compass or the first calendar, he was establishing the principles of Chinese medicine. One particular Chinese medical practice, acupuncture, is illustrated by the five thin needles protruding from the patient’s face on the reverse aspect of the medal (right). The medal pictured is number 55 of only 100 minted.

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