

FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON STAGE AT ANA SHOW IN FT. LAUDERDALE

From the Internet to the art of money, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) is offering free programs on these and many more topics at its National Money Show 2000 at the Broward County Convention Center, March 3-5.

ANA Education Director Gail Baker says, "We are extremely fortunate at this year's Numismatic Theatre to have a wonderful lineup of top numismatists. Our educational programs always have been superb, and I am certain this year's 20-plus hours of free programs will once again be the best."

The ANA also is offering its Treasure Trivia Game for students ages 6 to 17, and Boy and Girl Scout coin collecting clinics on Saturday, March 4. All ANA educational programming is free and open to the public.

Tentatively scheduled are:

Friday, March 3

11:00 a.m. - ANA Governor Alan Herbert

Noon - "First the Book: Building a Core Numismatic Library," with Coin World Editor Beth Deisher. She will discuss the 10 most essential books needed to begin collecting United States coins and building a numismatic library.

1:00 p.m. - "Pitfalls of Buying Coins on the Internet and How to Avoid Them," with John Zuk, president of Collector Technologies. While the Internet has created a wealth of opportunities for coin collectors, the explosion of web sites and purchasing methods also has created increased risk for fraud, rip-offs and unfair dealings. Zuk will provide insights and techniques to help minimize the risks.

2:00 p.m. - "An Overview of Colonial Paper Money," with Ronald Benice, author, exhibitor and avid collector. He will show examples of paper money issued by each of the 13 original colonies and the Continental Congress, including notes engraved by Paul Revere or printed by Benjamin Franklin.

3:00 p.m. - "England's Queens," with Arthur M. Fitts III, dealer & specialist in British coinage. Women were considered unfit to rule, yet two English queens lent their names to ages of glory and magnificence. Coins reveal their tragedies and triumphs.

4:00 p.m. - "The Sale of the Century," with ANA Governor John and Nancy Wilson, award-winning exhibitors, judges, authors and collectors. The Wilsons will present a

slide show highlighting the 1990 Christie's auction of the American Bank Note Company Archives, and discuss pre-sale rumors and the actual sale.

5:00 p.m. - "Musings of a Life-long Collector," with collector and dealer Robert Perrine. Travel through time with this long-time dealer and collector, who will reflect on changes in the hobby over the past 30 years.

Saturday, March 4

10:00 a.m. - "New Treasure Coins from the Florida Collection," with Dr. Alan K. Craig

11:00 a.m. - "Numismatic Treasures," with Anthony Swiatek, ANA governor and professional coin dealer. Find out if valuable treasures are hiding in your collection disguised as common coins.

Noon - "Coin Collecting for the New Millennium and Beyond," with Scott Travers, author and past ANA vice president. Travers will explore strategies, share secrets and reveal little-known facts relating to the psychology of why collectors and investors buy, sell or sit on the sidelines at certain points in time.

1:00 p.m. - "Rare United States Silver Dollars," with David Lange, director of research for Numismatic Guaranty Corporation. Lange will examine some of the key rarities among silver dollars, some of the most popular United States coins.

2:00 p.m. - "Coinage of the Republic of Cuba: The Pre-Castro Years," with David Provost, author, exhibitor and life-long collector. Provost will examine the regular and commemorative coinage issues of Cuba from the birth of the republic in 1902 through the Castro-led revolution of 1959.

3:00 p.m. - "Counterfeit Detection Series II: United States Gold," with ANA Authenticator Brian A. Silliman. His presentation and slide show will highlight United States gold counterfeits prior to 1933. Following the presentation is a 1-hour, hands-on workshop in Room 18, open to the first 20 participants.

4:00 p.m. - "Art and Money," with money artist J.S.G. Boggs. He will focus on the relationship between money and art, asking whether the currencies of yesteryear and an artist's interpretation of a bill are "money" or "art."

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 28,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or go to www.money.org.