

ANA School of Numismatics offers seminars at FUN Convention

Classes on grading and counterfeit detection offered prior to 60th annual FUN show

The American Numismatic Association School of Numismatics will offer a pair of educational two-day courses held in conjunction with the 60th Annual Florida United Numismatists Convention. "Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins" and "Introduction to Counterfeit Detection of United States Coins" will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 6-7, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL. The 60th annual FUN Convention begins Jan. 8 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando.

"We are delighted to bring these seminars to the Sunshine State, and we appreciate FUN's ongoing support of the ANA's educational mission," said Susan McMillan, ANA Education Project Manager.

Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins

Learn how U.S. coins should be graded according to the latest ANA and market standards in this seminar taught by Rod Gillis, ANA Numismatic Educator; Mike Ellis, ANA Governor and Variety Specialist, Mike Ellis Rare Coins; and Bill Fivaz, co-author of *The Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Coin Varieties*.

The seminar emphasizes the fundamental principles of grading circulated U.S. coins, including the history and evolution of grading standards, analysis of a coin's focal points, technical and market grading, how to determine initial signs of wear and evaluating surface marks, strike, luster and eye appeal.

- Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, January 6-7, 2015
- Tuition: \$248 for ANA and FUN members; \$208 ANA Life Members; \$348 for non-members.
- Register: Online at money.org/events/SeminarsAtFun2015.
- Questions: Call 719-482-9865 or email seminars@money.org

Introduction to Counterfeit Detection of United States Coins

In two days of intensive hands-on study, students will learn how to detect counterfeit and altered coins commonly seen in the marketplace today. All types and denominations of U.S.

coins will be discussed with genuine and counterfeit specimens present for hands-on examination and study in this seminar taught by Brian Silliman, Senior Numismatist, Panda America, www.pandaamerica.com; former grader/authenticator, Numismatic Guaranty Corporation; and former authenticator, ANA Authentication Bureau.

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