

Stars of TV's 'Diggers' to teach Summer Seminar Workshop

One-day metal-detecting course offers students in-the-field experience

The American Numismatic Association's premier educational event, Summer Seminar, will host a special metal-detecting workshop instructed by the stars of the hit TV show "Diggers," Tim "The Ringmaster" Saylor and George "King George" Wyant. The one-day workshop, "Digging for Dollars," will be held June 27, 2014, the Friday between Session 1 and 2 of Summer Seminar.

"Digging for Dollars" begins at 8:30 a.m. with a bus trip to the in-the-field experience. Saylor and Wyant will teach the basics of metal-detecting and share tips on how to find old coinage in the ground. The workshop will be held on private property in the area.

"We are extremely excited to be collaborating with the stars from 'Diggers,'" said Susan McMillan, ANA Education Project Manager. "This is a rare opportunity to rub shoulders with celebrities 'KG' and 'Ringy.' Members and 'Diggers' fans alike are in for a real treat."

The workshop will include information on detector types and settings, metal-detecting ethics, tools and accessories, advice on where to search, how to identify different types of signals from the metal detector, and hands-on training in the field. Also included is a picnic lunch and promotional giveaways, such as tokens, T-shirts, hats, videos, books and more.

Saylor is a longtime coin collector who first got interested in metal detecting as a way of finding coins. Saylor said that he's excited to teach the class and meet fellow coin collectors.

"It will be awesome to be there in June, to get to meet people and work with them one-on-one," said Saylor. "There is a ton of info online about metal detecting, but nothing replaces the hands-on, one-on-one contact."

The registration fee for the one-day workshop is \$235. Space is limited to 40 participants, so early enrollment is recommended. To register, contact Education Assistant Amber Bradish at 719-482-9865 or abradish@money.org. An enrollment form is available for download at Money.org/SummerSeminar.

Students will need to supply their own metal detectors and associated equipment. Information on rental options in Colorado Springs will be provided to registrants.

"Diggers" chronicles the adventures of Wyant and Saylor as they travel the country in search of lost historical artifacts. The National Geographic Channel website states that: "Their enthusiasm is contagious, their humor quirky, and their vocabulary... one of a kind. (Saylor and Wyant) are kids at heart, driven not by money, but the thrill of not knowing what their next dig will unearth."

Summer Seminar will be held June 21-26 and June 28-July 3, 2014, at ANA Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo. Now in its 46th year, Summer Seminar offers the best education in numismatics through hands-on courses, mini-seminars, lectures and discussions by the leading experts in numismatics. The course catalog and registration form is available to download at Money.org/summer-seminar.

Summer Seminar is held annually at Colorado College, a nationally prominent, four-year liberal arts college that was founded in Colorado Springs in 1874. The college operates on the innovative Block Plan, in which its approximately 2,000 undergraduate students study one course at a time in intensive 3½-week segments. For more information, go to www.ColoradoCollege.edu

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