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Registration Deadlines Nearing for ANA's World's Fair of Money

The 2016 World's Fair of Money® in Anaheim, Calif. is fast approaching, and so are many of the registration deadlines for the Aug. 9-13 show, which will be held in Hall D of the Anaheim Convention Center.

The five-day event will feature nearly 1,000 dealers buying and selling coins, currency and related items; a wide range of technical seminars and educational presentations by notable numismatists; major auctions by Stack's Bowers Galleries and Heritage Auctions; as well as the ANA Museum Showcase, exhibiting priceless rarities from the Money Museum and private collections.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 9-12 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 13. Admission is \$8 for adults; ANA members and children 12 and under are always free.

[World's Fair of Money Registration](#)

Deadlines At-a-Glance

Event	Pre-Reg Deadline
Hotel Reservations	July 5
Club Meeting Rooms	July 8
Member Admission Badge	July 15
125th Anniversary Reception	July 22
Awards Banquet & Silent Auction	July 22
Disneyland Tickets	Aug. 8

Member Badges

ANA members are encouraged to pre-register for the World's Fair of Money to receive bourse credentials and badges. Member badges provide show attendees access to the bourse floor 30 minutes prior to the show opening. Those who register by July 15 will receive member credentials in the mail.

Educational Programs

Attendees interested in becoming wiser collectors are encouraged to sign-up for the ANA's pre-convention two-day [Technical Series Seminars](#). Both seminars will take place Aug. 7-8 at the Hilton Anaheim, located across the street from the convention center.

From the fundamentals of grading United States coins to the more advanced techniques of detecting counterfeit gold coinage, the technical seminars offer proven tips and tools to enhance any collector's numismatic skills and enjoyment of the hobby. Life members receive an additional \$40 off.

- **Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins**

Instructors: Rod Gillis, ANA education director; and Sam Gelberd, ANA numismatic educator.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (each day)

Knowledge of coin grading not only helps collectors be more confident on the bourse floor, but helps take the worry out of numismatic purchases. The two-day seminar covers many topics and 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.

- **Detecting Counterfeit U.S. Gold Coinage**

Instructor: Brian Silliman, professional numismatist, and former NGC grader/conserver

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (each day)

Many collectors and dealers have unwittingly bought and sold deceptive counterfeits of U.S. gold coins. It's a humbling and expensive mistake to make. But detecting counterfeit U.S. gold coins is relatively easy to learn. Through digital presentation and extensive hands on coin exercises, students will learn the genuine characteristics and counterfeit diagnostics needed to authenticate most U.S. gold coins.

Member Clubs

ANA member clubs have the opportunity to reserve a club table in the club midway at the World's Fair of Money; the deadline to reserve a table is June 24. Member clubs also receive complimentary meeting space at ANA conventions; the deadline to reserve a meeting rooms is July 8. Club Midway applications, and meeting room request forms can be found online at www.worldsfairofmoney.com. For additional information, contact Jennifer Croak at 719-482-9849, or email her at jcroak@money.org.

Hotel Reservations

The deadline to book hotel rooms at a special rate for the Anaheim World's Fair of Money is July 5, or until the ANA hotel block has been filled. Attendees are encouraged to book rooms now at any of the ANA recommended hotels. Mention the World's Fair

of Money to secure the special promotional rate; see individual hotels for guaranteed rates. For a complete list of ANA preferred hotels, visit www.worldsfairofmoney.com.

[Hotel Reservation Information](#)

ANA 125 Anniversary Reception

Join the ANA in celebrating this milestone birthday at a special 125th Anniversary Reception on Aug. 9 at the Anaheim Hilton. Enjoy the comradery of fellow numismatists, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and a special 125th anniversary keepsake. Tickets are priced at \$25 per person. Pre-registration is strongly advised.

Awards Banquet and Silent Auction

The ANA awards banquet honors members and outstanding individuals for their dedication and work advancing the hobby of numismatics. The annual banquet will take place Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Anaheim in room California D. Banquet attendees are invited to bid on fabulous auction lots that will benefit the Robert Lecce Advanced Scholarship Fund while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow collectors.

Disneyland Resort Tickets

World's Fair of Money show attendees have the opportunity to purchase Disneyland Resort tickets at a discounted rate. Tickets are for pre-arrival purchase only, and will not be valid for same day arrival. The deadline to purchase tickets is Aug. 8 at 9 p.m. PST.

[Disneyland Ticket Information](#)

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its nearly 25,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications and conventions. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.