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## **Expand Your Knowledge Through Technical Seminars**

The American Numismatic Association's (ANA) School of Numismatics is offering a pair of educational courses held in conjunction with the 63rd annual Florida United Numismatists (FUN) Convention. "Grading Mint State Coins" and "Introduction to Cherrypicking Die Varieties" will be offered prior to the FUN show, Jan. 3-4. The FUN Convention begins Jan. 4 at the Tampa Convention Center, located at 333 S. Franklin St., Tampa, Fla. Register for the seminars by Nov. 22 for early enrollment discounts.

### **Grading Mint State Coins**

Using comprehensive digital presentation, in-depth discussion, and extensive hands-on coin viewing, students will develop their ability to grade mint state United States coins in this 2-day seminar. Students will also learn to spot many often-missed surface problems, alterations and enhancements that can adversely affect grade. Basic conservation techniques, toning, coin doctoring, and Star and Plus grade designations will also be discussed.

**Instructor:** Brian Silliman, professional numismatist

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Jan. 3-4)

**Cost:** \$259 for ANA and FUN members. Register by Nov. 22 for a \$25 early enrollment discount. ANA life members save an additional \$40.

### **Introduction to Cherrypicking Die Varieties**

Collecting coins by die variety is a popular and interesting way to enjoy the hobby. Many famous varieties are now sought-after rarities and considered "key dates" for some series. In this 1-day seminar, learn the basics of die variety identification, how and where to search for them, and tips for buying and selling.

**Instructor:** Sam Gelberd, ANA numismatic educator

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Jan. 3)

**Cost:** \$159 for ANA and FUN members. Register by Nov. 22 for a \$15 early enrollment discount. ANA life members save an additional \$20.

For additional information or to register, please contact [seminars@money.org](mailto:seminars@money.org) or call 719-482-9849.

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