

Coins In Classrooms And Museums Focus Of ANA Summer Seminar Classes

"Coins in the Classroom" and "Numismatics for the Museum Professional" are two specially designed classes offered at the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Summer Seminar 2003, June 28-July 11, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"Of the 34 classes and 13 mini-seminars scheduled this year, these two classes reach beyond our typical borders," says Gail Baker, ANA director of education. "Our students always return home and spread the knowledge they have acquired at the Summer Seminar. However, the graduates of 'Coins in the Classroom' and 'Numismatics for the Museum Professional' offer a tremendous opportunity for us to advance the interest and knowledge of numismatics on a much larger scale."

The ANA Summer Seminar is conducted at the Association's headquarters on the Colorado College (CC) campus in Colorado Springs. The course catalog, mailed to all ANA members and available on the ANA's web site, www.money.org, offers easy access to course descriptions, instructors, special classes and events.

"Coins in the Classroom" will help middle-school teachers learn how to link the study of coins to history, economics, mathematics and technology. Presentations, interactive discussions and hands-on workshops with coins from ancient civilizations, Europe, Asia and the United States will fill the week-long course, June 28-July 3.

The class will be taught by Lane J. Brunner, Ph.D., a professor at The University of Texas at Austin, and Donald H. Kagin, Ph.D., professional numismatist, author and teacher. No prior coin collecting experience is required, and scholarships for middle-school teachers, covering round-trip transportation to Colorado Springs, tuition, meals, lodging, graduation banquet and special events, are available from the ANA Education Department. (Applications are available online at www.money.org/coinsinclassapp.html.)

"Numismatics for the Museum Professional" is designed to assist curators, registrars, directors, librarians and other museum workers in the attribution, cataloging, handling, storage, interpretation and mounting of coins, paper money, tokens and medals.

"Most museums have numismatic specimens in their collections but not the knowledge of how to handle and exhibit these pieces in conjunction with other material they are displaying," says ANA Curator Lawrence J. Lee. "This course will give participants the know-how and experience to return home and properly care and show their numismatic items." In addition to Lee, the course will be taught by Christopher Connell, ANA's collections manager, and Douglas Mudd, collections manager for the National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institution. Full scholarships are available for museum curators. (Applications are available online at www.money.org/musprofscholar.html.)

Baker is encouraging those interested in any of the 34 courses offered to register soon. Five courses already are full, as are four mini seminars. For more information about class availability, registration and scholarship information, contact the ANA Education Department at 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; phone 719-632-2646; fax 719 634-4085; e-mail education@money.org; or visit the ANA web site at www.money.org.

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