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Phoenix National Money Show Courses Give Collectors Valuable Skills, Information

American Numismatic Association School of Numismatics courses presented before and during the Phoenix National Money Show™, March 7-9, are a smart investment for collectors looking to advance their knowledge of the hobby.

"There's something for every numismatist — from technical and collector series courses to a professional development seminar and free convention workshops," said ANA Acting Executive Director Ken Hallenbeck.

The technical series offering, **Coin Conservation, Authentication and Grading**, is an intensive, three-day seminar from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 4-6. Each day highlights an essential set of numismatic skills — conservation and preservation, authentication and grading. Instructor Brian Silliman will lead digital presentations, open discussions and hands-on coin examination. The course costs \$269 for ANA members with a \$50 Life Member discount and a \$50 discount for early bird registration by Feb. 1. Nonmember price is \$399.

Two collector series courses will focus on Arizona's numismatic heritage. Both courses run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 5-6:

- **Collecting United States National Bank Notes, with an emphasis on Arizona notes** — Instructor Peter Huntoon will teach the basics of U.S. National Bank Note collecting. Students also will have the opportunity to study and view a comprehensive collection of Arizona territory and state notes.
- **Arizona Mining Stocks, Ingots and Pioneer Minor Coinage** — Instructor Fred Holabird will explain how Arizona's gold, silver and copper resources made the state a major player in the Western mining industry's development.

Each course costs \$145 for ANA members with a \$25 Life Member discount and a \$25 early bird discount for anyone registering by Feb. 1. Nonmember price is \$245.

The professional development seminar, **Coins In The Classroom**, will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 7-8. The course teaches educators how to use money as a tool to enhance lesson plans in social studies, language arts, mathematics and economics. Cost for professional educators is \$45.

Five ANA convention workshops will be presented without charge to convention attendees:

- **18th Century American Colonial Numismatics: Historical Context and Collecting Opportunities**, 1:30-4p.m. March 7
- **So-Called Dollars**, 2-5 p.m. March 8
- **Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop**, 1-3 p.m. March 8
- **Girl Scout "Fun with Money" Patch Workshop**, 1-3 p.m. March 8
- **Coin Collecting Basics**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9

Pre-registration for courses and workshops is suggested to ensure placement; please call ANA meeting services at 719-482-9857 or e-mail seminars@money.org. To register online, go to www.money.org, click on "Numismatic Events," and then "National Money Show" and select the "Education" tab.

The Phoenix National Money Show will be held from March 7-9 at the Phoenix Convention Center. The show is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

National Money Show highlights include the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's \$1 billion display—including examples of \$100,000 bills; the redesigned \$5 bill's first public appearance in Arizona; the famous, multi-million dollar 1913 Liberty Head nickel that was the object of a nationwide search in 2001; colorful, 19th century Arizona paper money; and displays by the United States Mint. The annual spring show also features a bourse with more than 500 coin dealers, dozens of exhibits in the Collectors Gallery, and free educational programs and activities for children and adults.

James Mann is the event's general chairman, Alan Herbert is the honorary chairman and Mark Lighterman is chief exhibit judge. The Phoenix Coin Club and the Mesa Coin Club are the event's host clubs, and Heritage Auction Galleries is the official auction company. For more details on the National Money Show, visit www.money.org then click on "Numismatic Events" and "National Money Show."

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 32,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach programs, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.