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ANA's School of Numismatics Offers Die Varieties, Coin Collecting Courses During Whitman Baltimore Convention

The American Numismatic Association's School of Numismatics is coming to the Whitman Baltimore Coin and Currency Convention, Nov. 16-18. The ANA will offer two courses of great value and interest to collectors: *Understanding Die Varieties* and *Coin Collecting 101*.

"The Association is always looking for new ways to introduce people to the world of coin collecting, and *Coin Collecting 101* is a wonderful place to start. Our *Understanding Die Varieties* course can help numismatists enhance their abilities and collect with confidence," ANA Acting Executive Director Ken Hallenbeck said.

Designed for the novice or the expert, *Understanding Die Varieties* focuses on the four major divisions of die varieties for 20th century U.S. coinage: design changes, mintmark styles, doubled dies and repunched mintmarks. Instructor James Wiles, author of *The Modern Minting Process* and *U.S. Minting Errors and Varieties: An ANA Correspondence Course*, will give presentations in each area including explanations of the origins, major identifying features, cataloging systems and rarities for the "cherry picker." Walk away with new knowledge and a fresh enthusiasm for collecting die varieties. The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Baltimore Convention Center, Charles Street Entrance, Hall C, South Show Office.

During *Coin Collecting 101*, start collecting on the right foot with this expanded version of *Coin Collecting Basics*. Taught by ANA Numismatic Educator Rod Gillis, this discussion-based seminar will begin with an overview of money's history and role in civilization, then move quickly into collector-oriented topics such as the methods of grading, consumer awareness and the differences between collecting and investing in numismatic items. Come prepared with questions. The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Baltimore Convention Center, Charles Street Entrance, Hall C, North Show Office.

Each course costs \$145 for ANA members or \$165 for non-members. To register, call 719-482-9857, or register online at www.money.org (select "School of Numismatics" from the "Numismatic Events" dropdown menu).

Whitman Coin and Collectibles Conventions presents four conventions a year, including a bourse, educational seminars by numismatic experts and exhibits. Find out more at www.whitmanexpo.com.

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, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.