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## **Grading and Counterfeit Detections Seminars Offered at the Pittsburgh World's Fair of Money**

The American Numismatic Association's (ANA) World's Fair of Money® ([WorldsFairOfMoney.com](http://WorldsFairOfMoney.com)) is being hosted at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA, August 8-12. The show brings coin collectors together from all over the world, featuring hundreds of dealers, auctions, displays of rare treasures, educational opportunities and more.

Leading up to the show, the ANA is holding two pre-show seminars to help collectors expand their knowledge in grading U.S. coins and identifying counterfeits. The courses are:

### **Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins Seminar**

Knowledge of coin grading not only makes collectors more confident on the bourse floor, but also adds to the enjoyment of the hobby by helping take the worry out of numismatic purchases. Learn how U.S. coins should be graded according to the latest ANA and market standards. The 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.

**Instructor:** Rod Gillis, former ANA Education Director

**Location:** David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

**Time:** August 6-7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Cost:** \$350 for non-members, \$250 for ANA members.

### **Counterfeit Detection: Classic Fakes & Chinese-Made Counterfeits**

This class will debut one of the largest collections of Chinese-made counterfeits of United States colonials, coins, tokens, bullion and bars. Hundreds of never-before-seen, recently made examples will be available to examine along with the ANA's Counterfeit Detection set of older and highly deceptive fakes. The seminar will provide attendees with information on counterfeit detection of Key Date and Mintmarked coins, U.S. gold coins, and the latest wave of deceptive Chinese-made counterfeits. There will be both digital presentation and extensive hands-on coin examination.

**Instructor:** Brian Silliman, professional numismatist, Brian Silliman Rare Coins, and former NGC grader/conservator and ANA authenticator/conservator.

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**The deadline to register for the seminars is June 28.** For more information and to register, visit [info.money.org/wfm-webinars-2023](https://info.money.org/wfm-webinars-2023). For questions, email [seminars@money.org](mailto:seminars@money.org) or call (719) 482-9848.

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