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## ANA School of Numismatics Offers Seminars at FUN Convention

The American Numismatic Association's School of Numismatics is offering a pair of educational courses held in conjunction with the 62nd Annual Florida United Numismatists (FUN) Convention. "Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins" and "Ancient Greek Coinage: An Overview of the World's First Coins" will be offered prior to the FUN show, Jan. 3-4. The FUN Convention begins Jan. 5 at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center, located at 1950 Eisenhower Blvd. Register for the two-day seminars by Nov. 30 for a \$20 early enrollment discount.

## Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins

Sharpen your grading skills! Knowledge of coin grading not only makes you more confident on the bourse floor, but also adds to your 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, ANA Education Director & Sam Gelberd, ANA Numismatic

Educator

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

**Location**: Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Marina, 1881 SE 17<sup>th</sup> St.

## Ancient Greek Coinage: An Overview of the World's First Coins

Journey back in numismatic history to the invention of coinage in Lydia during the 7th century B.C. and follow the development of Greek coinage until the end of the Ptolemaic Kingdom in the 1st century B.C. Discover the origin of coins and learn how they were made and how their use spread throughout the ancient Mediterranean and Middle East. The major issuing authorities will be discussed along with collecting areas within the ancient Greek series, including references and additional information about these beautiful and fascinating pieces of history.

Instructor: Douglas Mudd, Curator of the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum

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For additional information or to <u>register</u>, please contact <u>seminars@money.org</u> or call 719-482-9865.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its 25,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, and conventions. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit <a href="https://www.money.org">www.money.org</a>.