



# Florida United Numismatists



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## 66<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FUN CONVENTION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### Thursday, January 7, 2021

11:30AM-12:30PM “Lincoln Cents 1909-1949,” by Mark Trout. Why is the Lincoln Cent series so incredibly popular? Mr. Trout, a FUN Board member and an experienced collector, will delve into exactly WHAT makes this series so special with both collectors and dealers. His presentation, which focuses on the 1909-1949 period, is a bonanza for the Lincoln cent enthusiast!

12:30-1:30 PM “My Top 10 Most Underrated/Undervalued Barber Coins of All Time,” by John Frost. Mr. Frost, a recognized expert on Barber coinage, is president of the Barber Coin Collectors Society. Today he will reveal his list of his top 10 favorite issues among all of the Barber coin series. A few of these dates will surprise you!

1:30-2:30 PM “Surviving Our Hobby’s Latest Threat. How to Protect Yourself from Counterfeit Slabs,” by Tom Walker. Counterfeit slabs continue to plague our hobby, but there are some things dealers and collectors CAN DO to protect themselves. What are the diagnostics? What steps can be taken to spot these fake slabs? Mr. Walker has the answers in this vitally important presentation.

2:30-3:30 PM “My Top 10 U.S. Gold Coin Recommendations for 2021,” by Robert McDonald. The first words out of Florida dealer Robert McDonald’s mouth will be “I told you so!” Indeed, he did. In 2019 his presentation centered on undervalued dates in the \$10 Liberty series. In January 2020 he made specific date selections on \$20 gold pieces. The results were spectacular! This year Mr. McDonald will examine the broad spectrum of all U.S. gold coins to make his top 10 picks for 2021. He believes all 10 of them have a chance to be winners!

### Friday, January 8, 2021

11:30AM-12:30PM “My Top 10 Numismatic Predictions for 2021,” by David Harper. The year 2020 was a year few of us will forget. Will 2021 bring more upward gyrations in the precious metals? Will silver dollars and gold coins soar through the roof? Or will they come crashing down? David Harper, the former editor of

*Numismatic News*, has the answers to these and other related issues as he makes his annual forecast for the coming year in coins. This blend of information spiced with humor has become a FUN tradition. Don't miss it!

12:30-1:45 PM "43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Silver Dollar Investors' Forum: Collecting Goals for Underrated Seated, Trade, Morgan, and Peace Dollars," by Randy Campbell, NLG. Mr. Campbell is a former president of both FUN and the National Silver Dollar Roundtable. He's also the senior grader for ICG Grading Service in Tampa. Today Mr. Campbell will suggest specific collecting goals for those putting together sets of underrated dates in these four different types of silver dollars. His fact-loaded presentation is full of reasonable collecting goals for buyers of all income levels.

1:45-2:45 PM "How to Fail Miserably and Still Succeed as a Collector and Dealer," by Steve Howard. Mr. Howard, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, has spent several decades as both a serious collector and a part-time dealer. His experiences have ranged from terrible to truly outstanding! He'll tell those in the audience how to avoid the bad and enjoy the good experiences of the coin collecting hobby we all love!

2:45-3:45 PM "My Top 12 VAMs for 2021," by John Roberts. Mr. Roberts is the Director of Attributions for ANACS Grading Service. He also authors a monthly column for *Coin World*. What are his 12 favorite VAMs for 2021? Find out in this highly informative program.

3:45 PM "Annual VAM Thing," by The Society of Silver Dollar Collectors. For over a decade this meeting of silver dollar variety collectors has been held at the January FUN convention. Collectors will be amazed at the volume of information available at this program. All are welcome to attend!

Saturday, January 9, 2021

11:15AM-12:15PM "What's Happening in the Error Coin Market?" by Fred Weinberg. Mr. Weinberg, a consultant to most of the leading grading services, is considered to be America's top expert on error coins. If you enjoy errors or want to learn more about them, then THIS is the program for YOU!

12:15-1:15 PM "An Overview of Liberty Seated Coinage: Recommendations on My Favorite Issues," by Gerry Fortin. Mr. Fortin has been a dealer in quality Seated

coinage for several decades. He's also the immediate past president of The Liberty Seated Collectors Club. Today Mr. Fortin will take a close look at certain dates in the various Seated series that he believes are underrated. This is a "can't miss program" for those who love Seated coins!

1:15-2:15 PM "Confederate States Currency," by Pierre Fricke. Mr. Fricke is a nationally respected expert in the currency of the old Confederate states. What are some of Mr. Fricke's favorites? Are these notes still undervalued? These and other related issues will be addressed as Mr. Fricke gives an expert's overview of the currency of the Confederacy.

2:15-3:15 PM "Spectacular Varieties, Part II," by Dr. David Elliott. Dr. Elliott thrilled the FUN audience in 2019 with Part I of his "spectacular varieties" program. Part II contains even more of those jaw-dropping varieties we all love. It's a truly spectacular program!

3:15-4:15 PM "2021 Edition of an Introduction to Variety Collecting," by Dr. David Close. Dr. Close recently updated this terrific program with new and exciting information. Both beginners and veteran variety collectors will learn valuable inside knowledge from this wonderful program!

*All speakers and topics are subject to change without notice. These presentations will be held in a meeting room near Hall SB in the North-South building of the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Admission is free.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Campbell, FUN Education Chairman.