



Florida United Numismatists



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JANUARY 2019, FUN Convention Educational Programs

Thurs., Jan. 10, 2019

11:30 AM; "HOW TO GET AND KEEP KIDS INTERESTED IN COIN COLLECTING," by Abbie Zechman. Ms. Zechman, who attends high school in Florida, has been an avid coin collector for the last several years. She's also attended the A.N.A.'s Summer Seminar on two occasions. She has developed some specific ideas concerning the best ways to attract young people to the hobby we all love. Those who truly care about the future of our hobby will be inspired by Abbie's fresh concepts and ideas!

12:30 PM; "UPDATE ON ICTA'S ANTI-COUNTERFEITING TASK FORCE," by Beth Deisher, Director of the Task Force. Former COIN WORLD editor Beth Deisher is a leader in the fight against the problem of counterfeiting. Today, two years after the founding of the Task Force, she will give an update on the progress that has been made and the big challenges that still exist.

1:30 PM; "CHERRY PICKING UNDERRATED LOW-POPULATION DATES IN THE U.S. \$10 LIBERTY SERIES," by Robert McDonald. Veteran Florida collector and dealer Robert McDonald has pursued under rated dates in the \$10 Liberty series for many years. Have declines in gold bullion prices made these items even more attractive? Which dates are the true "sleepers?" And what's the best way to acquire them? Robert McDonald has the answers in this eye-opening program that's a MUST for gold coin collectors!

2:30 PM; "AN OVERVIEW OF THE BARBER QUARTER SERIES," by John Frost. Mr. Frost is the President of the Barber Coin Collectors Society and a recognized expert on Barber coinage. His program will focus on the things collectors need to know (grading, pricing, rarity, etc.), and some of the things collectors should, but possibly don't, know about this very popular series. Time permitting, Mr. Frost will take a few questions from his audience.

3:30 PM; "WILL THE REAL MISS LIBERTY PLEASE STAND UP?" by Ray Herz. Who was the mystery woman who was the model for both of St. Gauden's gold coins and the Walking Liberty Half Dollar? And how was this mystery finally solved? Jacksonville researcher Ray Herz has uncovered the truth and will share it with those in attendance during this highly entertaining presentation.

4:30 PM; "THE ASTONISHING SECRET OF THE 1838-O HALF DOLLAR," by Kin Carmody. Savannah, Georgia based Kin Carmody has thoroughly researched the production of the very rare 1838-O half dollar. His presentation will include new evidence uncovered in the physical analysis of THE CINDERELLA COIN which has led him to some new conclusions that will turn all previous theories UPSIDE DOWN. He will close his program with what he calls "the most astonishing discovery of all!" Don't miss this program.

Fri., Jan. 11, 2019

11:15 AM; "THE ECONOMICS OF LIBERTY SEATED COINAGE," by Len Augsberger. Mr. Augsberger is the current Vice President of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club and a recognized expert on this highly popular series. Today he will trace the economic circumstances that impacted the production of this series throughout its long and glorious history. This presentation is a MUST for Seated Liberty enthusiasts.

12:15 PM; "BIG PROFIT OR LOSS? MY TOP 10 PREDICTIONS FOR 2019," by David Harper. Each year NUMISMATIC NEWS editor David Harper gives his predictions for the coming year. Will he forecast big profits or big losses? Attendees will be informed, entertained, and surprised by his exciting predictions for the coming numismatic year. DON'T miss it!

1:15 PM; "HOW TO PROTECT YOUR COINS AND YOURSELF FROM DANGER," by Scott Travers, NLG, and Maurice Rosen, NLG. The speakers are respected numismatic consumer advocates and prolific numismatic authors who have thrilled FUN Convention audiences for over two decades. Today, they'll discuss protection for YOU and YOUR COIN COLLECTION during these turbulent times in which we live. Expect standing-room-only crowds for this vital presentation!

2:45 PM; "MY TOP DOZEN VAMS FOR 2019," by John Roberts. Mr. Roberts is the director of attributions for ANACS grading service. He also writes a monthly column on VAMS in COIN WORLD. What are his favorite VAMS for 2019? Find out in this outstanding educational program.

3:45 PM; "ANNUAL VAM THING," by the Society of Silver Dollar Collectors. Again, the FUN Convention is the site for this meeting of silver dollar variety enthusiasts. Information on recent discoveries, and their approximate values, will be among the many topics covered in this informative meeting that's open to new collectors and veterans alike.

Sat., Jan. 11, 2019

11:15 AM; "WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ERROR COIN MARKET?" by Fred Weinberg. Mr. Weinberg, a consultant to many of the leading grading and authenticating services, is considered to be America's leading expert on error coinage. Best of all, he readily shares his vast knowledge on errors with his fellow numismatists. If you enjoy errors, or if you want to learn MORE ABOUT ERRORS, THIS is the program for you!

12:15 PM; "41st ANNUAL SILVER DOLLAR INVESTOR'S PROGRAM," by Randy Campbell, NLG. Mr. Campbell is the current President of FUN and a former President of the National Silver Dollar Roundtable. He's also the senior grader/authenticator for ICG grading service in Tampa. Today he will list a group of specific dates in the Seated, Trade, and Morgan Dollar series that he believes are particularly undervalued at current price levels. Don't miss this intriguing program that's loaded with facts and figures.

1:15 PM; "EXPLORING LIBERTY SEATED HALF DOLLARS," by Gerry Fortin. Mr. Fortin is the President of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club and a highly respected expert in the Seated Half series. Today he'll discuss not only the scarce and rare dates but also some of the more common issues, too. His tips on grading and pricing are not to be missed!

2:15 PM; "IN GOD WE TRUST: HOW IT CAME INTO BEING," by Bob Korver. Mr. Korver, former auction director for Auctions By Bowers & Merena and, later, for Heritage Numismatic Auctions, will trace the historical development of our national motto as it pertains to U. S. coinage. It's a perfect match of numismatics and history!

3:15 PM; "UPDATED INTRODUCTION TO VARIETY COLLECTING," by Dr. David Close. Audiences at the three prior January FUN Conventions were thrilled by Dr. Close's programs on variety collecting. However, Dr. Close believes his new updated program, loaded with new information, may be his best ever on this subject. THIS is the program variety collectors have been waiting for!

All January 2019 FUN Convention educational programs are subject to change without notice. They will be held in room W304-A of the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Every program is open to the public, free of charge.

Respectfully submitted Sept. 30, 2018
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