2018 FUN Convention Educational Seminars

Thursday, January 4, 2018

11:30 AM: "The P-D-S Grading System,” by Rick Snow. Arizona dealer Rick Snow is the author of the landmark Flying Eagle & Indian Cent Attribution Guide (Eagle Eye Rare Coins, Inc., 2014). He's also a consultant to several of the major grading and authentication services. Today he focuses on a grading system that can be used for a wide range of coins. Learn from one of the very best, Richard ("Rick") Snow, perhaps America's leading expert on Flying Eagle and Indian Head cents.

12:30 PM: "A Serious Collector’s Analysis Of The Walking Liberty Half Dollar Series," by Dr. Gregg Wagner. Dr. Wagner, who earned a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University, has over 25 years’ experience as a serious collector. His analysis, his tips, and his recommendations will be a bonanza for the Walking half dollar enthusiast. Don't miss it!

1:30 PM: "20 Things To Avoid To Make Your Coin Collecting Experience More Enjoyable," by Tony Swicer. Former FUN President Tony Swicer has been president of the Palm Beach Coin Club for over 30 years! He knows exactly what collectors need to avoid to keep the "FUN" in coin collecting. Time permitting, Mr. Swicer will take questions from the audience.

2:30 PM: "Barber’s Silver Coinage," by Ray Herz. 2018 marks the 126th anniversary of the birth of Charles Barber's coinage. This half-hour presentation will discuss some of the works of Mr. Barber, the birth of the three series that bear his name, and the grading and collecting of these series both by date and by type. This program is perfect for the lover of Barber coinage!

3:30 PM: "Hidden Gems In The Lincoln Cent Series," by Dr. David Elliott. Are doubled dies, RPM's and OMM's in the Lincoln cent series undervalued? Are there still major varieties waiting to be discovered? Dr. Elliott, a researcher of this series, has the answers. A free coin will be given to every young numismatist who attends this program!

Friday, January 5, 2018


12:15 PM: "My Top Dozen VAMS For 2018," by John Roberts. Mr. Roberts is the director of attributions for American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS). He also writes a monthly column on VAMS in Coin World. What are his favorites for 2018? Find out in this outstanding educational program.
1:15 PM: "When To Sell Your Coins," by Scott Travers, NLG, and Maurice Rosen, NLG. The speakers are respected numismatic consumer advocates and prolific numismatic authors who have thrilled FUN audiences for over two decades. Today they'll discuss exactly when is the best time to sell your coin collection. Their advice could save you or make you big money! Expect standing room only crowds for this vital presentation.

2:45 PM: "So You Want To Be A 'TPG' (Third-Party Grader)?" by Bill Fivaz, NLG. "Mr. Numismatic Education," the one and only Bill Fivaz, has won virtually every major award the coin hobby has to offer. Today, Mr. Fivaz will discuss what it takes to qualify to be a professional grader at one of the major third-party services. You'll be both entertained and astonished by this PowerPoint 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 topics covered in this informative meeting that is open to new collectors and veterans alike.

Saturday, January 6, 2018

11:15AM: “What’s Happening In The Error And Variety Market?” by Fred Weinberg and B.J. Neff. Mr. Weinberg, a consultant for several major grading services, is considered to be America's leading expert on error coinage. Mr. Neff has several decades’ experience as a variety coin researcher. Together, they will inform the audience about current happenings and developments in the error/variety market, including the incidence of counterfeit errors and varieties.

12:15 PM: "40th Annual Silver Dollar Investor’s Forum," by Randy Campbell, NLG. What should wise silver dollar buyers be looking at in 2018? For the 40th consecutive year, FUN President Randy Campbell, the senior authenticator/grader for Independent Coin Graders (ICG), will offer his views on where the dollar market may be heading in the coming year and how you may profit from those trends. Time permitting, Mr. Campbell will take a few questions from the audience.

1:15 PM: "An Overview Of The Liberty Seated Quarter Series," by Gerry Fortin. Mr. Fortin is the president of the Liberty Seated Collector's Club and a highly respected expert in the Seated Quarter series. Today, he'll discuss not only the scarce and rare dates, but also some of the more common dates. His tips on grading, pricing, and underrated dates are not to be missed.

2:15 PM: "My 18 Favorite Coins For Fun & Profit In 2018," by Don Bonser. Mr. Bonser is a well-respected professional dealer (and a former full-time grader) from central Florida. Each year, Mr. Bonser entertains his audiences with a combination of humor and folksy logic. As usual, some of his specific picks will be unorthodox in nature. But they could also be big winners in 2018!
3:15 PM: "An Introduction To Variety Collecting, Part III," by Dr. David Close. Audiences at the two prior January FUN Conventions were thrilled by parts I and II of Dr. Close's program on variety collecting. Part III may be his very best program ever! If you have an interest in varieties, this may be the program for you!

This is a tentative list of the January 2018 FUN educational seminars. Speakers, topics, times and locations are all subject to change without notice. These seminars tentatively will be held in Room 24 of the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida. They will be open to the public, free of charge.