

CONVENTION COMMUNIQUÉ DU CONGRÈS

RCNA Coin Grading Workshop

The RCNA, with financial support from CAFNE, is putting on its popular 4-hour workshop event, *Coin Grading*, in conjunction with the 2022 RCNA Convention in Ottawa. The workshop is taking place in the Chaudière Room of the Convention hotel, the Delta Ottawa City Centre, on July 20 starting at 8:00 am.

Robert Forbes, RCNA Past President, will lead the workshop. He is a collector of Canadian, Newfoundland and Maritime decimal coinage, Canadian tokens, and royal portrait coinage of New France. He is considered an expert in grading Canadian coinage having graded thousands of coins during the past number of years and is often asked by both dealers and collectors to consult on coin grading matters.

This workshop will focus on the technical and practical aspects of grading Canadian decimal coinage. The material presented covers the three fundamentals of accurate and consistent grading: technique, knowledge and objectivity. Important grading tips and methods used by experienced

graders will be explained including “market grading” and the use of various coin grading services. A detailed discussion of the fine points that distinguish one grade from another is also included, as well as a close-up look at “coin problems,” specifically those coins that are cleaned or altered, and distinguishing die polish marks from scratches, and soft strikes or die burn marks from wear on a coin.

This course is intended for students who know the basics of grading coins, but recognise those areas where they may lack grading skills. The course is intended to help students resolve much of the confusion that sometimes accompanies grading coins. Mr. Forbes will supplement his discussion with slides, hand-outs and displays of relevant numismatic material.

The class size is intentionally small (maximum 30) so students have an opportunity to speak personally with instructors to fully understand the material presented or to ask related questions.