

ALL DAY RCNA Coin Grading Workshop

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Humber College, 205 Humber College Blvd., Toronto, Ontario (located in Northwest Toronto).

This workshop is sponsored by the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) and will feature instruction by numismatic expert Robert Forbes. Following the introduction, this course delves deeper into the technical aspects of coin grading, as well as counterfeit and alteration detection. Though not a pre-requisite, some basic knowledge of grading terminology and the normal grading scale would be useful. This course has the goal of educating collectors about the technical side of grading Canadian coins, as well as the “market grading” approach to coin grading, and the use of third party grading services. Mr. Forbes will proceed with a PowerPoint presentation, hand-outs and displays of relevant numismatic items. The class size is deliberately kept small, helping the students to have an opportunity to interface, one-on-one, with the instructor to either understand the material presented more clearly or to deal with other issues of interest to the student in the instructor’s areas of expertise. Paul Johnson, RCNA Executive Secretary, will be the Moderator for the workshop. Each participant will receive a special RCNA *Certificate of Participation* at the conclusion of the course. The day-long course will include 45 minutes for lunch. Participants can dine in the Humber College restaurant (the cost for lunch is the responsibility of each individual). Morning and afternoon coffee breaks are also scheduled with complimentary coffee and tea available.

Agenda

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration & Complimentary Coffee

9:00 am – 9:10 am Introduction

9:10 am – 12:10 pm Coin Grading

12:10 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch Break

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Counterfeit and other problem coin topics

Application of the morning learning to grading of examples

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Certificate Presentation and Closing Comments

About the Instructor

Robert Forbes is the current Past President of the RCNA as well as a Director of the Canadian Association for Numismatic Education (CAFNE). He is also the Chair of the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation. Robert was the 2011 recipient of the RCNA President's Award (relating to the creation and organization of CAFNE), 2015 Fellow of the RCNA Award Winner, 2022 and 2016 winner of the Guy Potter Literary Award, the winner of the 2023 Fiocca Award and the 2022 Ferguson Award. Robert is a collector of Canadian, Newfoundland and Maritime decimal coinage, and royal portrait coinage of New France. He holds of a number of "Finest Sets of All Time" designations in the PCGS Set Registry.

Registration

The cost of this workshop is \$105.00 for RCNA members and \$135.00 for non-members.

Please consider joining the RCNA. Visit rcna.ca for more information

Send a cheque, made to the order of Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, along with your contact information, to:

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E transfer to : info@rcna.ca or PayPal to : cnainfo@rogers.com

You will receive confirmation of your acceptance in the course, along with detailed directions to the Humber College location in Toronto, Ontario (Community Room).

For more information contact the Executive Secretary of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association:

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