

Virtual Symposium

Part of the Winnipeg 2026 RCNA Convention

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The Education Committee of the RCNA will be hosting five online Zoom forums prior to the actual in-person presentations at the Winnipeg 2026 RCNA Convention. The forums are free and opened to all. Join us and enjoy as many of the presentations as you can.

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Links to join the presentations will be sent to all RCNA member's email addresses ahead of the events (don't forget to check your "spam" folder). The events will also be posted on the RCNA website at: rcna.ca/2026.

Sunday, June 21, 2026

7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

It's All About the Hunt: Numismatics and Cross-over Collecting

Christian Strayhorn, Education Director, ANA

Christian Strayhorn is the Education Director at the American Numismatic Association. A former international educator and school administrator in the United States, and around the world, she joined the ANA team in 2023. In the years since, she has revamped the Education offerings, moving the Numismatic Diploma Program online, and more.

In this presentation, you will follow-along with Christian as she explores her cross-over collecting journey from a childhood amusement park experience to the shores of Argentina, to the numismatic world of Colorado Springs. Along the way, she will tie together her entry into the world of numismatic collecting and its evolution into hunting for unique pop culture coinage.

Monday June 22, 2026

7:00 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

The importance of cataloging the various numismatic objects recently issued in Canada

Yvon Marquis, President, Institut Québécois de Numismatique

Yvon Marquis has been collecting for over 60 years and has been actively involved in promoting numismatics for 50 years. He founded the CNBSL (1979), the ANFC (1985), Éditions Numispro (1987), and the Institut Québécois de Numismatique (2009).

Yvon will show many numismatic objects issued in Canada recently. He will demonstrate how a concerted effort would help numismatics in general by recording these objects.

Sunday June 28, 2026

7:00 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

The Future of Para-Numismatics: Securing Its Future by Making It Accessible to All

Adèle Savoie-MacDonald, Director of ANFC

Adèle Savoie-Macdonald works in the financial sector. She collects para-numismatic items, such as tokens, medals, and commemorative banknotes. In her spare time, Adèle designs

medals and banknotes. Her goal is to promote modern Canadian para-numismatics and to make affordable and aesthetically pleasing numismatic items more accessible to municipalities, festivals, numismatic clubs, and collectors.

Adele will present her numismatic creations, explain the process and technical aspects involved in creating numismatic and para-numismatic items, and demonstrate how anyone can create their own personalized numismatic item.

Although everyone is welcome, please note that this forum will be conducted in French.

Monday June 29, 2026

7:00 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Reconsidering Wampum in Numismatic Collections

**Krista Broeckx, Assistant Curator,
Bank of Canada Museum**

Krista Broeckx is the Assistant Curator at the Bank of Canada Museum. In this role, she studies and cares for the National Currency Collection and helps develop content for the Museum's exhibition and programs. She also works with the Bank of Canada's Indigenous Advisory Circle to properly care for and interpret Indigenous belongings in the Museum's collection.

In January 2026, the Bank of Canada Museum repatriated a wampum belt from the National Currency Collection to the Wendat Nation in Québec, the original custodians of the belt. This talk will explore the provenance of the belt, the repatriation process and the reasons behind it. The discussion will be framed within the broader context of the history of wampum as a numismatic collectible and the common but reductive definition of wampum as a form of money.

Sunday, July 5, 2026

7:00 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

RCNA Auctioneer Night

Eric Paquet, co-owner of TCNC

The official auctioneer for the 2026 RCNA Auction, will show, describe and discuss a selection of the lots offered through the July 16 and 17, 2026 RCNA Auction.

Eric will also answer any questions you may have about the intriguing lots offered at that auction.

This session will be bilingual.

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