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## **Distinguished Numismatists Receive ANA Awards for Dedication to Hobby**

*Medal of Merit and Adna G. Wilde Memorial Award for Exemplary Service honors to be presented during World's Fair of Money this August*

Every year, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) recognizes members who go above and beyond with their service and dedication to numismatics. The following awards, presented at the World's Fair of Money®, will be awarded during the Member Awards & Donor Celebration, Thursday, August 21 from 3-4:30 p.m. in Ballroom A of the Oklahoma City Convention Center.

The ANA's **Medal of Merit** honors individuals who have dedicated years of service to the Association and have worked to promote the hobby. This year's recipients are **Wayne Homren, Patrick McBride, and Robert Mellor**.



**Wayne Homren** is best known for creating and editing the Numismatic Bibliomania Society's award-winning newsletter *E-Sylum*. By providing collectors with news in the hobby, Homren keeps the numismatic community informed and updated. A recipient of a 2020 Glenn Smedley Memorial Award and an enthusiastic collector, he has served many numismatic organizations.

Also known for his Benjamin Franklin impersonation at conventions nationwide, **Patrick McBride** has a love for history that has inspired his many numismatic endeavors. He serves as president of the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists and is an award-winning exhibitor. McBride advocates for numismatic education. His contribution of rare early issues of *The Numismatist* helped the ANA complete its digital archive.



Educating and recruiting collectors is a focal point for **Robert Mellor**. He helped establish the first ANA-approved satellite numismatic library in 2023, and he is an instructor for the ANA's Summer Seminar and

traveling numismatic seminars. Mellor has introduced many people to the hobby, from volunteering with Senior Adventures in Learning to working with Scouts.

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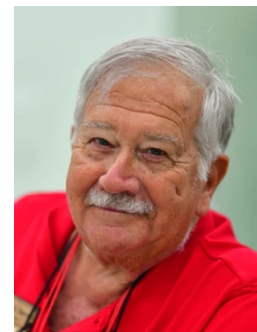
The **Adna G. Wilde Memorial Award for Exemplary Service** honors ANA members who have demonstrated years of enthusiastic service in volunteering time, expertise, and resources that contribute to the ANA's growth and success and have furthered the Association's educational mission. This year, the ANA recognizes **Phil Iversen**, **William Bugert**, and **Michael S. Turrini** with this honor.

**Phil Iversen**, an ANA life member since 1970, has spent more than five decades championing the hobby through education, exhibits, and service. He has held leadership roles in numerous local and regional clubs, including the California State Numismatic Association, the Numismatic Association of Southern California, and the Bay Cities Coin Club. Known for his engaging presentations and detailed historical exhibits, Iversen is also an award-winning author and mentor whose legacy spans generations of collectors.



**William Bugert** is a preeminent researcher of Liberty Seated half dollars and a life member of the ANA. His six-volume (and counting) *Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties* has become the standard reference on the topic. In addition to his scholarly work, Bugert has edited major club journals and earned accolades from leading numismatic organizations for both writing and research. His mentorship has been especially valuable to new collectors seeking guidance in the field.

**Michael S. Turrini** has held leadership roles in over 17 numismatic clubs and is best known for his creative and effective youth education initiatives. A dynamic organizer and speaker, he has coordinated regional symposiums, developed school programs like "What Is Money?" and championed international collaboration with Canadian numismatic groups. Turrini's passion for outreach and lifelong learning continues to inspire collectors of all ages.



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