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Ian Russell Named ANA Dealer of the Year; Joe Zelinski Recognized as Outstanding Adult Advisor

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) is recognizing two members that have exhibited an influential, and positive presence within the numismatic community. The Outstanding Adult Advisor will be awarded during the Pittsburgh World's Fair of Money® Member Awards and Donor Celebration, Thursday, Aug. 10 from 3-4:30 p.m. in Ballroom B at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The ANA Dealer of the Year will be awarded at the convention's 132nd Anniversary Awards Banquet, Friday, Aug. 11 from 7-10 p.m. in the Allegheny Ballroom at The Westin Pittsburgh.



The ANA has named **Ian Russell** the 2023 **Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year**. The award recognizes a professional numismatist who shows uncommon dedication to strengthening the hobby and the ANA; exhibits high ethical standards and integrity; and is committed to treating customers fairly and consistently.

Russell started working for a stamp dealer based in Sydney, Australia, at age 14 and eventually coordinated high-profile auctions for Stanley Gibbons Australia, Teletrade, and Bowers & Merena Auctions before founding GreatCollections Coin Auctions in 2010. Over the past decade, GreatCollections became the fastest growing

numismatic auction house, handling more than 1.2 million certified coins valued at over \$1 billion, including some of the most significant rarities in U.S. numismatics. The Irvine, California, resident is a member of the Professional Numismatists Guild, life member of the ANA, and was named one of the most influential people in numismatics by *Coin World* in 2021.

Joe Zelinski is the recipient of the ANA's 2023 **Lawrence J. Gentile Sr. Memorial Award for Outstanding Adult Advisor**. Zelinski is deeply ingrained in southern Florida's



numismatic scene. He enjoys teaching youth about the hobby at coin shows and other community events. A board member of the Florida United Numismatists (FUN), he was awarded the group's Polly Abbott Service Award earlier this year, and he also holds leadership positions in the Fort Lauderdale Coin Club and Gold Coast Coin Club.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs, to include its museum, library, publications, conventions and webinars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit money.org.