

Gene Hessler named the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

Accomplished numismatist to be honored at World's Fair of Money

Longtime numismatist Gene Hessler will be honored with the American Numismatic Association's 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award at the Chicago World's Fair of MoneySM Awards Banquet on Aug. 8 in Rosemont, Illinois.

Hessler's many numismatic accomplishments include Curator of the Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum, 1967-1977 and Curator of the Mercantile Bank Money Museum (Eric Newman Collection), 1986-1989. He discovered and published several previously unknown designs for U.S. currency through research at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Smithsonian Institution. Hessler also won the Howland Wood Award at the ANA's Centennial Convention in 1991, for his exhibit of the complete works of Czech banknote designer Max Svabinsky.

Hessler has been a member of the ANA since 1967. He also has held memberships with the American Numismatic Society (elected Fellow c.1973); Cincinnati Numismatic Association, board member 2005-present; Essay Proof Society (defunct), vice president 1987-1993, director 1987-93; International Bank Note Society, director in the 1980s; and Society of Paper Money Collectors, board member 1980s-90s.

Hessler taught at the ANA Summer Seminar from 2000-04. As part of the "Money Talks" series on National Public Radio, one of his scripts was selected to represent the ANA's nomination for a Peabody Broadcasting Award in 1993.

Throughout his numismatic career Hessler has won numerous ANA awards including the Heath Literary Award (1983), Glen Smedley Memorial Award (1993), Medal of Merit (1995), Presidential Award (1998), ANA Honorary Life Member (1990). Other awards include Professional Numismatists Guild Outstanding Achievement Award (1994), International Bank Note Society Silver Medal for Service (2001), Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association Numismatist of the Year (2001), and Numismatic Literary Guild Clemy (2007).

More about Hessler's remarkable career can be read in the August issue of *The Numismatist*.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 25,500 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or go to www.money.org.