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ANA Awards Medals of Merit to Gordon Donnell, Jim Majoros and William Rau

Gordon R. Donnell, Jim Majoros and William G. Rau will receive American Numismatic Association Medal of Merit awards at the World's Fair of Money® in Baltimore, July 30-August 3. The annual award is presented to individuals who have dedicated numerous years of service to the Association and to promoting the hobby.

Gordon R. Donnell of Oakland, Calif., is always willing to share his love of the hobby and actively recruits new collectors. A member of many local, regional and national clubs, he served as president of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, San Francisco Coin Club, Alameda Coin Club, Northern California Numismatic Association and International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors; and as vice president of the Liberty Numismatic Society and Diablo Numismatic Society. An ANA member since 1988, Donnell was a district delegate from 1993 to 2007 and received the Outstanding District Delegate Award in 1997 and Outstanding Club Representative Award in 1998. He was a member of the local committees for ANA conventions in Sacramento (1995) and San Francisco (2005). He received the ANA Presidential Award in 1994 and Glenn Smedley Memorial Award in 2004. He was named a Numismatic News Numismatic Ambassador in 2003.

Jim Majoros of Toms River, N.J., has actively promoted numismatics in his home state for many years and served as vice president of the Garden State Numismatic Association. When he became president of the Ocean County Coin Club in 1995, he reacted to its lack of a young collector program by developing one that not only sparked an interest and provided learning tools, but also helped club membership grow. Majoros' experience and enthusiasm was contagious, and he served as the ANA's National Young Numismatist Coordinator from 2002 to 2005. An ANA member since 1990, he was named the ANA's 2007 Adult Advisor of the Year. In addition, he received the ANA Presidential Award in 2002 and Glenn Smedley Memorial Award in 2005.

William G. Rau of Frankenmuth, Mich., has been a collector since the 1950s. Retirement afforded him more time to actively promote and assist the Flint Flying Eagle Coin Club, which he currently serves as vice president. His other club affiliations include the Michigan State Numismatic Society, Central States Numismatic Society and Numismatic Bibliomania Society. Rau has donated his talents and many volunteer hours to the ANA's Dwight N. Manley Numismatic Library by inventorying more than 26,000 auction catalogs and 19,000 fixed-price lists. He also has assembled a database of more than 100,000 auction records of U.S. pattern coins from the 1850s to the present.

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 32,000 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 visit www.money.org.