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## **Adna Wilde Receives Inaugural Adna G. Wilde Jr. Award for Excellence**

American Numismatic Association Past President Adna Wilde received the inaugural Adna G. Wilde Jr. Award for Excellence in Colorado Springs on Oct. 15. The award, named in Wilde's honor, was established by the Association's Board of Governors in a unanimous vote during its meeting on Oct. 14. Wilde also received a Presidential Award from ANA President Barry Stuppler.

The award honors an ANA member who dedicates his or her time and resources to further the educational purposes of the Association and the hobby, and sets an example for others to follow.

"I am proud to say that Adna is the most dedicated ANA member I have ever known," Stuppler said. "In the nine years I have known him, I have called upon his guidance numerous times and he has never failed to share information on previous Board discussions and actions, while providing his expert opinions that helped the Board make excellent decisions. I'll miss his guidance and opinions, and this award will serve as a fitting tribute to his tireless service."

Wilde has provided leadership for the ANA for 40 years, serving as executive director, governor, vice president, president, treasurer and parliamentarian. He received the Farran Zerbe Award in 1985, the Medal of Merit in 1991, the Numismatist of the Year Award in 2005 and Presidential Awards in 1994, 1998 and 2008. He was elected to the ANA Numismatic Hall of Fame in 2002.

A respected numismatist, Wilde has published definitive research on Leshar dollars and counterstamped Stone Mountain commemorative half dollars. Before his distinguished service with the ANA, he was a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army, and was wounded in combat in Italy during World War II.

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](http://www.money.org).