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ANA Introduces Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year Award

Nominations for the American Numismatic Association's inaugural Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year Award are being accepted through April 30. To be presented annually, the award honors a professional numismatist who shows uncommon dedication to strengthening the hobby and the ANA, and displays exemplary ethical standards as a numismatic dealer. The award was formally established by a unanimous vote of the ANA Board of Governors on Feb. 18.

Funds for the award were raised by 23 prominent numismatists in honor of Harry J. Forman, a Philadelphia coin dealer, author and ANA Life Member who died in March 2008. Together with partner Ruth Bauer, he ran the firm of Forman and Bauer, Inc., a respected mail-order coin business. Forman was active in increasing ANA membership and encouraging donations to the Money Museum, and became the Association's first "grand patron" in 1982. He received the ANA's Glenn Smedley Memorial Award in 1998, the Numismatist of the Year Award in 2000 and the Association's highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award, in 2001.

The following are the criteria for Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year Award nominees:

- An ANA member in good standing
- A full-time dealer for a minimum of 20 years
- A firm commitment to the betterment of the numismatic hobby and ANA, including educational presentations, support for ANA initiatives, articles, etc.
- A commitment to assist in future selection of all Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year Award honorees for 5 years

Nominations can be submitted by mail to the ANA, Dealer of the Year Award, 818 North Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO, 80903; or by e-mail to awards@money.org. Submissions should include the nominee's name, city and state, place of business, list of accomplishments and awards, and brief message explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award. The winner will be announced at the 2009 World's Fair of Money, August 5-9 in Los Angeles.

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.