

ANA HONORS KENNETH E. BRESSETT AND ARTHUR M. FITTS III FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) confers its Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to organized numismatics.

First conferred in 1992, the Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to individuals, families, firms or judicial entities for service to the hobby. The 2001 recipients are Kenneth E. Bressett and Arthur M. Fitts III.

Kenneth E. Bressett of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is deserving of this honor for his many thoughtful and worthwhile contributions to the hobby. This energetic man is not only a lifelong collector, but also an author, exhibitor, researcher, editor, mentor and past ANA president. He works diligently to both advance and broaden the hobby. Numismatic News named Bressett a Numismatic Ambassador in 1978.

Bressett is the editor of one of the hobby's most popular references, A Guide Book of United States Coins (commonly known as the "Red Book"). He also has written many numismatic books, including Basics of Coin Grading for U.S. Coins and Collectible American Coins.

Over the years, Bressett has received many acknowledgments of his outstanding efforts, including the ANA's Farran Zerbe Memorial Award, Medal of Merit and Glenn Smedley Memorial Award. In 1998 he was inducted into the Association's Numismatic Hall of Fame.

Arthur M. Fitts III of Framingham, Massachusetts, has been an ANA member for 46 years. He has worked at the ANA's Colorado Springs headquarters in several capacities, including assistant to the executive director, convention coordinator, museum curator, and ANA Certification Service consultant. Currently, Fitts serves as Association historian, Mediation Committee member, and contributing editor and columnist for The Numismatist.

Fitts has been a correspondence course and Numismatic Diploma Program mentor; Money Talks script writer; regular ANA Numismatic Theatre presenter; and 18-year instructor at ANA Summer Seminars. He has served on the ANA Resolutions, Museum, Awards, Convention, Dealer Relations and Professional Search Committees.

An exhibit judge and award-winning exhibitor, Fitts has participated in 40 ANA conventions, including once as a bourse chairman and once as general chairman. Over the years, the ANA has honored Fitts with the Medal of Merit, Glenn Smedley Memorial Award and two Presidential Awards. He was recognized by Numismatic News in 2000 by presentation of the Numismatic Ambassador award.

In bestowing its Lifetime Achievement Award, the American Numismatic Association expresses the sincere appreciation of its members to Kenneth E. Bressett and Arthur M. Fitts III.

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 28,000 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 go to www.money.org.