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ANA Honors Mark Salzberg as 2006 Numismatist of the Year

The American Numismatic Association confers its "Numismatist of the Year" Award in recognition of overall devotion and dedication to the ANA and numismatics. This year's recipient is the Chairman of Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) and Numismatic Conservation Services (NCS), Mark Salzberg,.

Salzberg became a full-time dealer in 1978, began working for a grading service in 1986 and together with John Albanese helped to launch Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) in 1988. He took over the reigns in 1991 and has not let go since.

"If it's good for the hobby, it's good for us." That, says Salzberg is how he keeps NGC on the cutting edge. He says he is never satisfied with the status quo, and keeps his company two steps ahead of everyone else with new, innovative products and up-to-the-second market analysis.

A member of the Professional Numismatist Guild and an instructor at ANA Summer Seminars, Salzberg received an ANA Presidential Award in 1998. Under his direction, NGC and NCS have contributed more than \$1.5 million to support ANA programs.

Despite his many accomplishments, Salzberg is most proud of his family and says they come first in his busy life. Happily married for 19 years to Donna, they have three children; a son Andrew and two daughters, Alex and Abby.

The American Numismatic Association is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 33,000 members, the Association serves the academic community, collectors and the general public with an interest in numismatics. The ANA helps all people discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars.

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