

ANA Names Chris Connell Museum Collections Manager

Chris Connell will join the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Money Museum staff late this month as its new collections manager, overseeing the reorganization of the museum's more than 300,000 numismatic holdings.

"We are thrilled to have a person of Chris' experience and reputation to assist the ANA Museum in becoming the premier, dynamic numismatic museum in the country," says ANA Curator Lawrence J. Lee.

Connell, whose numismatic expertise is centered on ancient coinage, has been teaching courses on Byzantine numismatics at the ANA Summer Seminar for several years and is a frequent exhibitor of Byzantine coins, often placing first at local, regional and national conventions.

A member of the Numismatic Literary Guild (NLG), Connell has written articles for The Numismatist, The Celator and COINage magazines, as well as scripts for ANA's former radio program, Money Talks.

Connell is a past president of the New Jersey Numismatic Society, Ocean County Coin Club and Watchung Hills Coin Club, and has served on the board of the Garden State Numismatic Association. He was ANA Regional Coordinator for Region 2 (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.) and served as master of ceremonies for the 1997 ANA convention banquet in New York. In 2000, Connell was named the ANA's Young Numismatist (YN) Adult Advisor and last August was appointed chairman of the ANA's YN Committee.

His 1995 Glenn Smedley Memorial Award citation stated, "Chris Connell's contagious enthusiasm for Byzantine coins extends beyond this collecting specialty to his sharing of knowledge and delight with other collectors. He spreads the joy of collecting throughout the numismatic hobby, introducing many new collectors to this otherwise formidable subject."

A collector for many years, Connell is Episcopal priest. He is taking an early retirement as rector of All Saints Church in Great Neck, New York.

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.