Eric P. Newman Young Numismatist Scholarships Program Provides Support for 30 Young Numismatists

Young Numismatists will continue to receive support from the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society (EPNNES). Last year, the organization generously donated $50,000 to support the American Numismatic Association’s Summer Seminar. The money has provided for the establishment of all-expense-paid scholarships for Young Numismatists to attend the week-long program, many of whom might not otherwise be able to participate. In all, 30 Young Numismatists are able to attend the event this year with scholarship support.

The donation also will make a lasting impact during the annual Summer Seminar Young Numismatist Benefit Auctions. Coordinated and led entirely by young collectors, the money from the EPNNES will double the amount raised this year by matching auction revenue dollar for dollar, up to $50,000.

Last year, the auctions raised $30,539.85. Anyone is allowed to bid on items and proceeds support Young Numismatists scholarships and other seminar events.

The late Eric P. Newman, who became a member of the ANA in 1935, is widely remembered and respected for his work as an author, researcher and speaker. In 1958, he and his wife, Evelyn, established the EPNNES, which is dedicated to helping fellow numismatists realize their own potential.

Newman served as an ANA Summer Seminar instructor and was an advocate for the program, which seeks to equip numismatists with the knowledge and skills necessary to become successful in the numismatic community.
Held annually on the campus of Colorado College in Colorado Springs (adjacent to the ANA), the Summer Seminar is a once-a-year opportunity for numismatic learning and camaraderie that offers students a varied selection of weeklong courses designed for discovery or continued study. For many students, the Summer Seminar is a life-changing event. It has catapulted the careers of several of the nation's most respected collectors, authors and dealers.

Andy Newman, son of Eric Newman and president of the EPNNES, noted that his father was a huge supporter of young collectors. “Dad cared deeply about building knowledge and involvement in young numismatists. He loved giving numismatic badges to Boy Scouts and instructing at the ANA Summer Seminar,” he said. “He would be greatly honored by the association of his name with this fine program.”

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its 25,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of instructional and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications and conventions. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.