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American Numismatic Association Dwight N. Manley Numismatic Library Receives Copy of First Edition of Van Loon Medal Reference

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) Dwight N. Manley Library is the world's largest numismatic lending library. It is host to more than 128,000 books, auction catalogs, periodicals, DVDs and more. Another addition was made to the library during the ANA President's Reception, which took place during the World's Fair of Money® in Pittsburgh. During the event, Margaret Groninger donated her late-husband James G. Groninger's set of Gerard Van Loon's "Beschryving der Nederlandsche Historipenningen" to the ANA library.

Although published in the first half of the 18th century, the first edition of this four volume reference remains a standard for researchers and collectors of Dutch medals. This set covers commemorative medals produced by The Netherlands during the period of 1555 through 1716 and includes a written description of each medal, engraved images, and commentary by Van Loon. Also included with this donation is an English translation of the Dutch text by Robert Turfboer.

"Jim Groninger was a consummate student of numismatics from the time he was a paper boy for the *Pittsburgh Press*," shared Ms. Groninger. "This sparked his interest in collecting U.S. coins and later broadened to collecting foreign coins, especially those relating to his Dutch heritage and links to Groningen. The study of numismatics was a lifelong passion of



Margaret Groninger (left) and ANA
Museum Curator Douglas Mudd pose with
Gerard Van Loon's book.

Jim's and he would have been delighted to know that his work will now be available for posterity."

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