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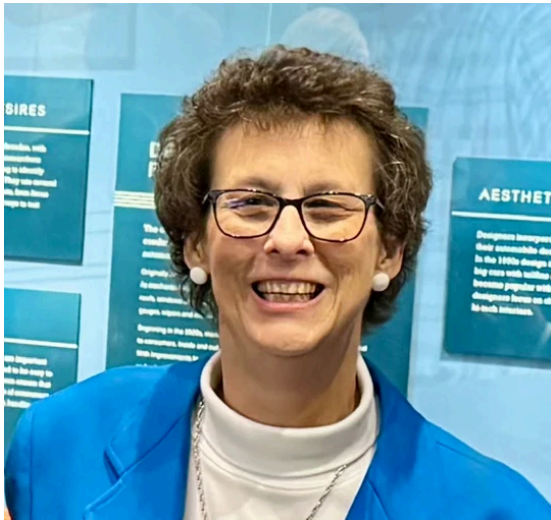
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Numismatic Legends Honored at Oklahoma City World's Fair of Money: Kathryn Freeland, Robert Julian

Two long-time collectors were celebrated during the Oklahoma City World's Fair of Money®, August 19-23, at the Oklahoma City Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Their contributions to the numismatic community have made waves over the years, earning them recognition during the 134th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, August 22.

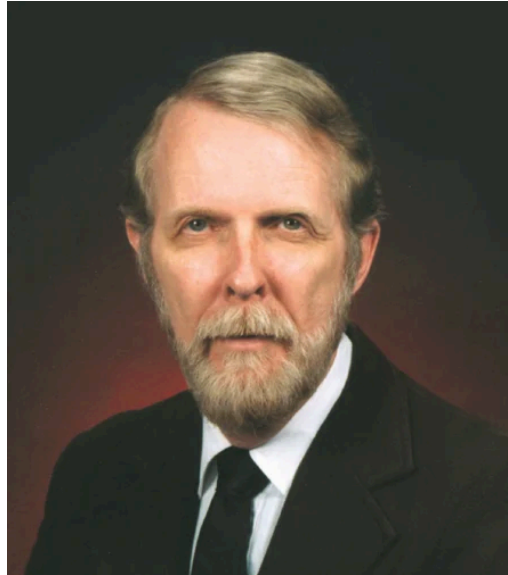


The **Elvira Clain-Stefanelli Memorial Award for Achievement in Numismatics** is presented annually to a woman who has made significant contributions to numismatics through her research, leadership, and/or mentorship, and who has demonstrated a longtime commitment to the betterment of numismatics. This year's recipient is **Kathryn Freeland**.

With 32 years of service to numismatic organizations, Freeland consistently prioritizes education. When coin clubs celebrate historical events, she volunteers as a reenactor.

Freeland coauthored the *American Red Cross in World War II Collectors Guide*, published in 2014. She is the president of the Michigan State Numismatic Society, and she has held leadership positions in the Token and Medal Society, the Love Token Society, and the Flint Flying Eagle Club. Her organizational skills have made her an effective treasurer and manager of the MPCFest ANA Summer Seminar Program for the past 18 years, which has sent over 45 students to Summer Seminar over 23 years. Freeland has also proven herself to be a skilled exhibitor, having accumulated over 30 awards for her displays. She has also served as an ANA exhibit judge since 2003.

Robert W. Julian, recipient of the ANA's **2025 Lifetime Achievement Award**, has distinguished himself as one of America's foremost numismatic scholars for his 60-plus-year career. Since his first article in 1960, he has published over 2,200 meticulously researched works in leading numismatic journals, including *The Numismatist*, to which he's contributed annually for 49 consecutive years. He edited the Russian Numismatic Society Journal for 12 years and authored or coauthored five authoritative books on U.S. Mint medals and Russian coinage that are still regarded as standard references today.



Julian's groundbreaking archival research has reshaped accepted knowledge on U.S. coinage history. He has invested countless hours and resources at the National Archives to bring previously unknown information to the numismatic community. His work has earned him numerous awards, including induction into the ANA's Numismatic Hall of Fame (1998), Numismatist of the Year (2012), and the Burnett Anderson Memorial Award (2002), along with major honors from the Token and Medal Society, American Numismatic Society, and Numismatic Literary Guild.

Beyond scholarship, Julian designed satirical and commemorative medals and managed a community tokens and medals program for over 20 years. He has been an active member of numerous numismatic organizations since the 1950s. His contributions—spanning research, writing, design, and leadership—represent a lifetime of dedication to numismatics.

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