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Honoring A Couple's Legacy in Numismatic Education: ANA Philanthropy Award

The American Numismatic Association's (ANA) **Philanthropy Award** publicly honors those who have made significant contributions to the Association that further its strategic mission to expand, enhance, and sustain the hobby of coin collecting. This year, the ANA recognizes **Mary Lynn and Jeff Garrett** for their many years of hobby support.

Mary Lynn and Jeff Garrett are passionate champions of numismatics and long-standing supporters of the ANA. Mary Lynn, a life member of the ANA for over 32 years, has served three terms as a governor (2019-25), is the current ANA vice president (2025-27), and has contributed to numerous ANA committees. A cofounder of the Bluegrass Coin Club in Lexington, Kentucky, she is deeply committed to educating future generations of collectors. Her leadership has helped shape young numismatists, some of whom are now professionals in the field.

Mary Lynn and Jeff serve as vice president and president of Mid-American Rare Coin Galleries, respectively. Jeff, an ANA past president (2015-17), began collecting coins as a child after being inspired by a Whitman Lincoln cent folder. He now brings over 50 years of professional experience to the organization and continues to support its growth through education, strategic leadership, and fundraising. Both Mary Lynn and Jeff have attended countless conventions and Summer Seminars, emphasizing the value of shared knowledge and connection.



Together, the Garretts are strong advocates for expanding ANA membership, promoting planned giving, and strengthening the ANA's educational outreach. Their enduring dedication reflects their belief that numismatics is not only a hobby, but a lifelong journey of learning and community.

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 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs, to include its museum, library, publications, conventions and webinars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit money.org.