



North Carolina Numismatic Association

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NCNA Presents Annual Awards at 2016 Convention

Outstanding numismatists from across North Carolina were recognized for their contributions on behalf of the hobby at the 2017 North Carolina Numismatic Association (NCNA) Convention and Show in Charlotte. The Association presented the awards at its General Membership Meeting on Saturday morning, September 10th.

The 2016 Convention marked a long-awaited return to Charlotte for the NCNA after more than 20 years away. The show's bourse was filled with more than 70 dealers and over 120 tables filled with numismatic collectibles. The Convention also featured an exhibit area with a diverse mix of collecting interests on display, a series of educational seminars and a dedicated area for young collectors that featured opportunities for education, fun and free coin prizes.

The Association's top honor, the John Jay Pittman Award, was presented to outgoing NCNA President Jim Neely. The award recognizes outstanding and enduring contributions to numismatics in North Carolina. In addition to serving the organization as its president for the past four years, Jim had previously served on the NCNA board, was the primary driver behind the re-establishment of the long-dormant Fuquay-Varina Coin Club and has been active in efforts to help improve security for dealers and collectors alike. Jim has also been a trusted numismatic dealer for nearly 40 years (since 1977).

The Autence Bason Literary Award was presented to Paul Horner and Jerry Roughton. The pair are the researchers and authors responsible for the authoritative *North Carolina Numismatic Scrapbook* magazine that is published quarterly. They also each served as a contributor to Whitman's recently-published *Encyclopedia of Obsolete Paper Money: Volume 7* which features the notes of the Old North State. The Bason Award is given each year in recognition of significant contributions to numismatic education through published works.

Bob Pedolsky of the Charlotte Coin Club (CCC) was presented with the Forrest and Tessie Michael Award for outstanding volunteer service to benefit numismatics. Bob has been the coordinator of the CCC's young numismatist program for the past 15 years and coordinates the club's YN activities at its annual show. Bob's enthusiasm for educating young collectors about coin collecting and providing them with opportunities to explore their interests in a supportive environment has helped create a generation of new, well-informed collectors.

Adam Pezold of the Charlotte Coin Club was selected to receive the Association's Young Numismatist Award. Adam, 15, has been very active in the CCC and has given much of his time to support the club's YN activities. He has given multiple educational programs to the YNs, as well as to

the club as a whole, and spends significant time during the CCC's annual show staffing the YN table. He also enjoys writing about his collecting interests, and has submitted his work to the American Numismatic Association for consideration in its annual literary contest. He is a fine representative of the CCC and the hobby in general.

The NCNA, in conjunction with the Raleigh Coin Club (RCC), presented the 2016 Ted Hendrick Memorial Dealer Award to Tom Wood. The award was established in memory of Ted Hendrick, a long-time NC-based coin dealer and one of the instrumental early leaders within the RCC and NCNA. The award is meant to recognize numismatic dealers who conduct business in the North Carolina, maintain high ethical standards and give back to the hobby through honest dealings and service to collectors. A key selection criterion of the award is a dealer's willingness to help educate collectors.

Tom has been a collector for over 40 years and a dealer for the past 15. He is a regular presence on the NC show circuit and also maintains an online coin business. Tom is an education-focused dealer who is always willing to share his knowledge with anyone who approaches his table. He is also a frequent speaker on numismatic topics with a focus on coins of the Bible; giving talks to numismatic audiences as well as "general public" audiences at schools, civic organizations and fraternal clubs.

Nominations for the Association's 2017 awards can be submitted at any time to the NCNA Secretary at uscommems@gmail.com.

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