

Two more have left us.

Two more of our very visible members have left us. The SPMC extends our thoughts and sympathies to their families.



Michael **"Mike"** George **Bean** passed away on May 26, 2026. Mike was best known for taking his spider press to conventions and printing souvenir cards. He was a regular at FUN and the noon and 4p drawings were greatly anticipated. Quite often you would see recently departed member John Parker eagerly awaiting the chance to buy the cards from the lucky winners.

Mike was SPMC member #9702. He greatly supported the SPMC by printing many of our awards, breakfast tickets and other cards for us including a special intaglio printed card that was inserted into the 40th anniversary commemorative issue of *Paper Money* in January 2001.

Mike was a plate printer by trade and began his career at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in 1971, retiring in 2005.



Pat McBride, aka Benjamin Franklin.

Pat was SPMC member #15528. He portrayed Benjamin Franklin at numismatic events and passed out colonial paper money reproductions with SPMC info on them. He as Secretary/Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists. He received the ANA Presidential Award, Glenn Smedley Memorial Award and the Goodfellow Award for the Pittsburgh National Money Show in 2019. In 2025 he received an ANA Medal of Merit. Pat was an accomplished collector. He was an award-winning exhibitor, including his first-place awards in 1989 at the National Money Show for his Military Payment Certificates and in 2019 at the National Money Show for his Byzantine coin display.

