

PCNS 100th Anniversary Medal Designs Sought

The Board of Directors is soliciting medal designs for our proposed 100th Anniversary Medal. Anyone can contribute their ideas and the person submitting the winning design idea will receive an example of the medal when it is issued. Please send your design to PCNS, P.O. Box 475656, San Francisco, CA 94147-5656. The PCNS logo will occupy one side.

Past PCNS Anniversary Medals:



**1160th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
7:30PM Wednesday December 26, 2012
Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

Dues: It is time to think about paying your dues for 2013. Dues are \$20 to help support the oldest numismatic organization in the West! Cash or checks are welcome at the November or December meeting. Or, you can mail your check to:

P.C.N.S.
PO Box 475656
San Francisco CA 94147

HOLIDAY PARTY

Annual Holiday Party!

Please join us December 26, 2012 for the annual holiday party. As is tradition, the event is potluck. Bring something delicious to share and enjoy what your fellow members bring as well.

A good time will be had by all!

1159th meeting, November 28, 2012

Federico Castillo presented his talk, *Sheep Shearing in the Southwest and its Numismatic Connection*.

Federico discovered sheep shearing tokens when looking for interesting token denominations. Most tokens were made for travelling shearing companies working along the Mexican border areas of New Mexico and Texas, although they are found in other states as well. Shearing crews, often family-based, moved from ranch to ranch performing the shearing tasks and providing routine veterinary care for ranchers.

A team captain would inspect the fleece and then give the workman a token. At the end of the day, you would turn in your tokens for your pay. When electric shears became commonplace, the pay scale change and so did the denomination on the tokens. Good for one sheep usually indicates an early token, while a token good for 100 or more sheep is undoubtedly modern.

While sheep tokens vary in quality and number, there are a few general traits. Texas tokens are generally issued with information about the shearing companies owned by Latinos. New Mexican tokens are generally pictorial and issued by Basque or Catalan-owned businesses.

Exhibits included:

Herb shared a 1949 Canadian dollar asking if it is proof or not.

David brought two error notes, one with a folded printing error and one with an ink smear. The other was a 1929 Cleveland National Bank note.

Dan shared an 1898 Swiss medal for the dedication of the National Museum in Zurich and a 1935 medal honoring Robert Wallace. Wallace learned to make spoons and became a cutlery manufacturer before immigrating to the U.S. and started making German-silver cutlery. His business, Wallace Silver, ultimately became the largest manufacturer of cutlery in the U.S.

Bill exhibited a nineteenth century type set including an Indian Head cent, a Liberty Nickel, and a Barber dime all elongated as 1893 Columbian Exposition souvenirs.

Stephen Huston brought an Anillo restrike of the Rancheros Visitadores token and a Queen Elizabeth II 25 pence fantasy coin from Gough Island.

Raffle Prizes:

Ed won a 1966 “melted: mint set and a set of British weights.
Bill won 3 Stooges wooden nickels and 1906 Earthquake playing cards.
Dan won a bronze medal from West Point.
Federico won an 1871 San Francisco German peace medal.
David won a Treasure Chest of gaming tokens.
Glen won a T-Shirt.

New Member:

Welcome Scott Chandler.

Our publication, *Papers of the PCNS 2012*, will be distributed at the December meeting.

Will You Buy a 100th Anniversary Medal?

The board is making plans for a 100th Anniversary medal to be issued in 2015. Will you buy one for \$50? I know we do not yet have a design, but we are in early stages of planning. Would you buy one in silver? At what price range? Let us know by mail or by email reply to Bill at bsktmkr@pacbell.net.

2013 meeting Schedule:

January 23, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
February 27, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
March 27, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
April 24, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
May 22, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
June 22, 2013: Banquet Location TBA
July 24, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
August 28, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
September 25, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
October 23, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
November 27, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
December 18, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason