

PCNS 100th Anniversary Medal

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society has announced design and ordering information for their 100th Anniversary Medal. This medal will be engraved and struck by Daniel Carr of the Moonlight Mint in Colorado, and distributed this Fall to subscribers who pre-order by June. The design for this historic medal revisits the PPIE commemorative designs and continues the Society's traditional octagonal logo with a new high-relief die. (Images shown for design info are not actual photos.) Mintage will be limited to prepaid orders received by the Society by June 2015. The octagonal 41mm medal will be struck in silver, with coppers available only as part of the 2-medal set (1 copper + 1 one-ounce silver).

Orders with payment, \$100 per set or \$75 silver only, plus \$6 postage, must reach the Society by June at: PCNS, Box 475656, San Francisco, CA 94147. **Orders now accepted via PayPal. See instructions at <http://pcns.org/orders/index.html>.**

PCNS was founded in 1915, by Farran Zerbe and a group of San Francisco collectors, during the Panama Pacific International Exposition. It was the first numismatic organization established in the western United States. PCNS hosted the American Numismatic Association's 1915 Convention in San Francisco, in conjunction with PPIE events.



1915 - 2015: PCNS is celebrating 100 years!

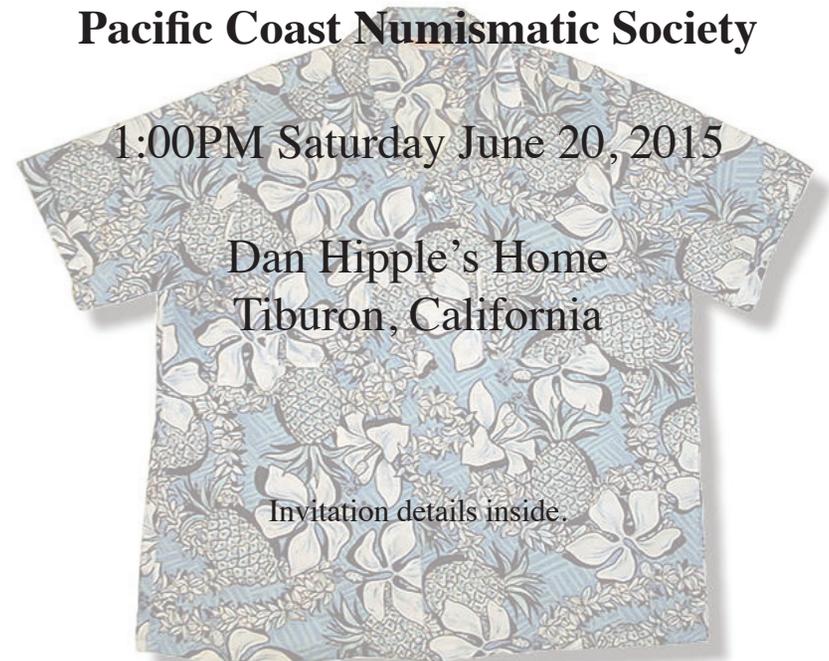


1190th meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

1:00PM Saturday June 20, 2015

Dan Hipple's Home
Tiburon, California

Invitation details inside.



1189th meeting, May 27, 2015

Michael Wehner presented his talk, *The Folsom Asparagus Gin Company*.

The appearance of an unlisted token for Asparagus Gin raised a question as to whether it was genuine and what exactly it was advertising. The appearance of a second token on eBay sparked the quest to discover its history. The names Asparagus Gin, Folsom Brand, and Rothenberg Co. offered clues.

A number of Rothenbergs were involved in liquor businesses in San Francisco, but one became the Rothenberg Co. in 1901. The company moved to the address on the token in 1910.

In 1901, Norman Folsom was a winemaker at St. George Vineyard in San Francisco. In 1908, he is listed as a rectifier, cutting or infusing distilled spirits to create a new product. Business news reported that 50,000 pounds of asparagus was used in making distilled spirits in the city and a patent is granted to the Folsom Asparagus Gin Co. in 1917 for their process.

Given the onset of Prohibition not long after, the token likely dates to the 1917-1918 period.

Exhibits:

Bill shared Dan Carr medals recently produced including three he struck at the Moonlight Mint and the new *Deluxe Red Book* (aka Mega Red).

Herb shared an unusual Afro American medal and an altered 1914 – D cent (added D).

Ed shared a United Way medal with the Brewster Island lighthouse in Massachusetts.

Dan shared a sample PCGS slab with a 1964 Roosevelt dime.

Michael shared the Asparagus Gin token.

Raffle:

Bill won the new book, *San Francisco's Jewel City*.

Jason won a leather postcard of the San Francisco mint from 1908 and North American Aviation stocks with tokens.

Ed won a 1986 San Francisco Proof Statue of Liberty half dollar.

Dan won a print of Roman medallions.

The *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society* is celebrating its one-hundredth anniversary. Our first gathering will be an outdoor luncheon in Marin County's scenic Tiburon at the beautiful home of PCNS Vice-President Dan Hipple.

Saturday, June 20

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A minimum donation of \$10 per person is requested, and side dishes or desserts are welcome. Please contact our recorder at bsktmkr@pacbell.net and our host at dan@hippleclan.com to let us know if you and any guests are planning to come.

We need your RSVP by Thursday, June 18.

Directions to Dan's will be sent on receipt of your RSVP. For those without email access, please call Bill Hyder at 831-461-1153 with your RSVP.

PCNS 100th Anniversary Banquet

*will be held on
Saturday
September 26, 2015*

*Argonaut Hotel
495 Jefferson Street, San Francisco*

\$45 per person for dinner.

SAVE THE DATE!

Welcome new member Jeff Shevlin.

New member application received from Robert Jessinger.

2015 meeting Schedule:

July 22, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

August 26, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

September 26, 2015: 100th Anniversary Banquet, Argonaut Hotel

October 28, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

November 25, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

December 23, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason