

PCNS MEETINGS, EVENTS, SPEAKERS

June 24. . . . Saturday BBQ in Tiburon, advance tickets \$10-@

July 26. . . . William Hyder: *So-Called Dollars of Century 21*

Aug 23. . . . Meeting speaker/topic to be announced *

Sep 27. . . . Michael Wehner: topic TBA

Oct 25. . . . Meeting speaker/topic to be announced *

Nov 29. . . . PCNS Numismatic Book Sale
(a benefit fundraiser event for PCNS)

Dec 27. . . . Annual holiday gathering and election

* Please email webmaster@pcns.org if you can present a program in August or October. Topics can even be something about which you submitted or plan a *Paper*.

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1214TH Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



Annual BBQ

Saturday Afternoon, June 24, 2017

in Tiburon — directions will be sent after payment

Prepayment Required for Tickets \$10@ (see inside)

JUNE BBQ IN TIBURON — SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 24

Don't miss this annual PCNS event — an afternoon of food, fun, and friends. Location details will be sent to all who purchase advance tickets, which are required — though very inexpensive — so we can plan food.

If you want to bring something, consider a dessert to share. Everything else is included in the \$10 per person price.

Send your payment to **PCNS, PO Box 475656, SF CA 94147** or pay online via our website — *www.pcns.com* — right now! Payments need to reach us by June 17. Don't wait!

PAPERS CONTEST

Six papers were received this year. Judging is under way, and prizes are scheduled to be announced at the BBQ.

MAY PROGRAM REPORT

Dan Hipple spoke on: *The Circle of Friends of the Medallion*.

The Circle of Friends series is sometimes listed as the first medal series issued in the USA, though Dan noted that an earlier series was struck in the 1800s, making the Circle of Friends the second US series of medals.

It was started in 1909 by Charles DeKay and Robert Hewitt Jr. They brought in the Weil brothers and the Deitsch brothers to assist with production. The Deitsch Bros. produced the first medal, which was sent to paid subscribers, which included several famous people, including other artists and businessmen. These medals were never offered for public sale, just the subscription distribution, so mintages were under 500 on all issues, some possibly significantly less.

The group had internal squabbles, with the minting equipment being sold to the Weils, who thought they would be chosen to produce the series. However, the Circle of Friends group rights were sold to some competitors, the Davisons. After this series, the Weils continued in business as the Medallion Art Company.

The series was distributed in book-like cases with a short history of the medal subject and profile of the designer. The series lasted only until 1915, with 1 to 3 medals per year, for a total of 12 medals. Most of the medals were large circular pieces like #1, a 70mm round for the Hudson Fulton Celebration, but #5 was a plaque honoring Lafayette, and #9 was a 57x76mm oval featuring John C. Fremont.

Dan noted that #7 struck for Abdul Baha is the most difficult to obtain, as these have been systematically sought (and destroyed?) by followers of the Bahai faith due to teachings prohibiting portrait representations.

MAY MEMBERS' EXHIBITS

Stephen — a silver token of the Eagle Hawk Mine in Australia, which closed in the late 1800s, tried and failed again in the 1930s, but reopened as a tourist spot, lasting into the 1960s.

Herb brought a Centennial medal for the International Assoc. of Fire Chiefs, for Bill to add to his Fire Dept. collection.

Mark — Mexico Mint medal, a 1948 Centennial medal for the Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co. of SF, which probably started by selling supplies to miners, 1947 So-Called Dollar for the US & Mexican presidents visiting each others' countries, a McKinley-Roosevelt 1901 inauguration badge, and a 1930 Uruguayan "world cup" soccer championship medal.

Federico — one French and one Mexican expo award medal *circa* 1900, both using the same design on one side.

Michael — National Parks quarters collection folder, filling few more holes with help from those present.

Jerry — 8 tokens from the SF Baldwin Hotel, circa 1897/8, including 15¢, 20¢, 30¢, 40¢, 60¢ and \$1 for the "Grill Room."

Bill — a rare 1890 J.C. Irvine store card, and a French shell-card using the US Morgan Dollar design, and the Joan of Arc medal from the Circle of Friends of the Medallion series.