

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2018-19

Oct 31It's A Mystery at Fort Mason Center
Nov 28Federico Castillo, *Topic TBA* * at Fort Mason Center
Dec 27Holiday gathering and elections at the Mechanics' Institute
Jan 23Speaker & Topic TBA * at the Mechanics' Institute
Feb 27Speaker & Topic TBA * Location TBA
Mar 27Speaker & Topic TBA * Location TBA

* See "Speak Up!" below

SPEAK UP!

A quick look at the Calendar above reveals that there is ample opportunity for **you** to make a presentation in the coming months: October 2018 and the first three months of 2019 are open. Your presentation can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

MEETING LOCATION AND TIME CHANGES

Important update!

November's meeting will be held at Fort Mason Center after all!

Due to scheduled construction at Fort Mason Center, PCNS meetings for December 2018 and January 2019 will take place at the Mechanics' Institute in downtown San Francisco. Meetings at the Mechanics Institute will start at 7:15pm.

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1230th Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



Trick-or-Treat Mystery

Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 7:30 PM
Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco

PCNS + PO BOX 475656 + SAN FRANCISCO CA 94147

TRICK OR TREAT?

Apparently, anyone who had a potential topic for this month's meeting is going to be out of town. So we're left with the necessity of a seat-of-the-pants topic. And with no designated speaker, everybody gets to participate.

Halloween is a holiday marked by several traditions, including costumes, concealment, and mystery; horror; and the eve of the Day of the Dead. Think of this meeting as an extended show-and-tell session. Bring your tricks, your treats, your horrors, and/or your mysteries.



Also, if you have a presentation hiding in a back drawer that you can give on short notice, let us know right away at webmaster@pcns.org.

Remember: This meeting is at Fort Mason Center and begins at 7:30pm.

SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION RECAP

Jeff Shevlin presented on his upcoming book coauthored with Bill Hyder, *So-Called Dollars of the Pacific Coast Expositions*. Between 1894 and 1962 there were eight expositions in California, Oregon and Washington state. San Francisco hosted three of them, Seattle and San Diego each hosted two, and Portland, one. Most expositions featured a variety of so-called dollars, with varying themes and struck on different metals (e.g., bronze or aluminum). The result is a wide array of material to collect. Apparently, that array is wider than previously known.

Jeff covered each of the expositions, revealing previously un-catalogued examples of so-called dollars from each.

- 1894 California Midwinter Exposition in San Francisco, promoting the region's mild winters and providing economic stimulus during a depression.
- 1905 Lewis & Clark Centennial in Portland, commemorating the arrival of the Lewis and Clark expedition at the mouth of the Columbia River.
- 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle, originally to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Klondike gold discovery, but ultimately serving to promote the Pacific Northwest.
- 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, commemorating the completion of the Panama Canal and the rebirth of San Francisco following the 1906 earthquake and fire.
- 1915-16 Panama-California Exposition, San Diego's rival commemoration of the completion of the Panama Canal.

- 1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition in San Diego, to provide economic stimulus to the region.
- 1939-40 Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco, to celebrate the completion of the Golden Gate and San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridges.
- 1962 World's Fair, Seattle, serving to highlight the role of technology in the future.

Jeff's presentation ended with a version of "Jeopardy" focusing on the different fairs, with a selection of prizes for the winners.

SEPTEMBER MEMBER EXHIBITS

Bill: 1890 & 1894 Assay Commission medals, 1897 San Francisco City Hall SCD, 1906 Cliff House/Post Office SCD.

Jason: 1915 PPIE souvenir slug SCD.

Dan: 1915 PPIE Argentina medal, 1909 Spokane Day medal, 1909 AYPE Utah medal, 1933 Santa Monica breakwater SCD in gilt.

Federico: California & Texas Spanish language tokens.

Ed: 1951 Uruguay festival medal featuring a lighthouse.

Jerry: Selection of San Francisco SCD and miscellaneous medals.

NOW AVAILABLE

PCNS members Jeff Shevlin and Bill Hyder have recently released a new book, *So-Called Dollars of the Pacific Coast Expositions*. The new book presents an updated look at all known so-called dollars related to the eight west coast expositions held between 1894 and 1962.

Each fair is covered in a separate chapter, with a discussion of the history and events related to the exposition, followed by a catalog component, which describes in detail the so-called dollars struck for each event. Dozens of previously unlisted medals are included in a reference book for the first time.

The new book is available in a full color hardbound edition as well as a leather-bound limited edition with a bronze medal insert in the cover.

So-Called Dollars of the Pacific Coast Expositions is Jeff and Bill's second book together. Their first collaboration, *Discovering the World of Charbneau So-Called Dollars*, won the award for best token and medal book in 2012 from the Numismatic Literary Guild.

Check it out at so-calledguy.com.

