

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2021

- August 25, 2021 (online).....**Federico Castillo**, *Revisiting Sheep Shearing Tokens in the United States*
- September 25, 2021.....**Summer BBQ, see inside**
- October 27, 2021 (online)*Speaker and Topic TBA**
- November 24, 2021.....*Speaker and Topic TBA**
- December 22, 2021.....**Holiday Party and Election**

* See "Speak Up!" below

SPEAK UP!

There are several opportunities for **you** to make a presentation later this year. You don't need to be in San Francisco to present. Your presentation can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

PCNS MEETINGS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

In-person meetings of PCNS are suspended through October, 2021. In the meantime, we will meet online using the Zoom platform. This has the benefit of enabling those who are unable to be in San Francisco to join us for a meeting **and** to give a presentation! A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to all members separately the day before the meeting.

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Visit www.pcns.org to read our *Papers* (including the not-yet-printed 2019 and 2020 *Papers*), get the latest *Bulletin*, or to check our meeting schedule.

Miss a meeting? Beginning with the May, 2020 Meeting, you can also view a recording of the presentation on our [YouTube channel](#), available through links from pcns.org! Use a QR scanner/reader to open pcns.org via this code.



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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



1264th Monthly Meeting

Revisiting Sheep Shearing Tokens in the United States

Federico Castillo

**Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 7:30 PM
online**

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WOOL AND ITS WORTH

The job of shearing sheep is difficult and requires considerable skill. In the Americas, sheep shearers were typically paid by the number of sheep they sheared and/or the amount of wool produced, rather than the hours worked. This pay took the form of tokens, which could be exchanged for goods and services.

Join us on **Wednesday, August 25**, as **Federico Castillo** revisits *Sheep Shearing Tokens of the United States*. Take a photo of something from your collection related to the topic, or your latest acquisition, for sharing! See you online!



Mexicans Shearing Sheep, Texas, 1905

FUN IN THE SUN!

It's back! Join your fellow PCNS members and friends the afternoon of **Saturday, September 25** for the 2021 PCNS Summer BBQ! The fun begins at 1:00 PM. Good food and great company make for a delightful afternoon.

The cost is \$10 per person, payable in advance by PayPal. **Please RSVP by Friday, September 17 if at all possible** to allow for an accurate head-count. Directions will be provided to those who RSVP.

Important! Given the vulnerability of many of our members and the ongoing uncertainty regarding COVID-19 variants, all attendees are expected to be fully vaccinated. In addition, please bring a mask to safeguard everyone's health.

Per PCNS tradition, Hawaiian shirts are encouraged, but not required.

JULY PRESENTATION RECAP

Charlie Catlett began his presentation with a brief history of Łódź, from its first mention as a town in 1332. Following the partition of Poland (1795), Łódź became part of Russia. An influx of German immigrants in the early 1880s led to the development of what would become Poland's largest industrial city. Łódź became part of Poland following World War I when Poland was reconstituted. Upon Germany's invasion of Poland in September, 1939, Łódź was occupied by Germany. Soon after, it was renamed Litzmannstadt, and German authorities moved the Jewish population to the swampy northern section of town, surrounding the area with barbed wire and creating the Łódź/Litzmannstadt Ghetto.

Ghetto money consisted of three parts. First were ration coupons/chits good for specific items. Ghetto currency was produced in 1940 to replace the German Reichsmark, which was withdrawn from the ghetto (to help hinder escape attempts, among other reasons). The design process was discussed, including one attempt at counterfeiting which was caught.

German coins were withdrawn from the ghetto in 1942, and the Jewish leader of the ghetto (Rumkowski) proposed minting coins. It so happened that the German in command of the ghetto (Bieber) was a coin collector, so the idea was approved. The

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to fill three positions beginning in the next few months:

- **Archivist** to store and maintain the PCNS archives;
- **Papers Contest Coordinator** to receive submissions, select judges, and tally results;
- **Drawing Prize Wrangler** to oversee rounding up prizes for our monthly drawings, which will resume once we meet in person again.

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talk then reviewed the design process, the minting and materials, and a review of all the known varieties (plus some extras likely minted after the war).

Finally, there was a presentation of token money from three POW/civilian camps, in Ireland, the Isle of Man, and Australia.

This summary cannot do justice to Charlie's full presentation, so we invite you to watch it on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

JULY MEMBER EXHIBITS

Federico: A 1983 proof 250 Colones coin from Costa Rica. 393 of the 30 g silver coins were minted, featuring the national flower of Costa Rica (the *Guaria Morada*) on one side and the national shield on the other. Federico showed an example of the *Guaria Morada*, illustrating the quality of the depiction of the flower.

Michael W.: Several Wells Fargo notes. The first was an 1858 bill of exchange, the earliest date he had seen on that type of note. He also showed two other types of Wells Fargo notes, dated 1854 and 1871. Henry Wells and William Fargo began their business in 1852. Finally, he showed a Thomas Wells & Co. note (no relation) from 1851.

Harold: A very nice example of a 1770 Katherine the Great 5 Kopek coin from the Ekaterinburg mint. It was 42.8mm and 50.42 g and had very nice detail for a reasonably priced coin of that era.

Scott: A 1962 Century 21 Exposition Medal from the Seattle Worlds Fair. There were some interesting angles in the medal, but they fit design elements that medalists often use. He also showed off an Abe Kosoff ANA Convention souvenir medal from New York in 1939, the same year and location as the World's Fair.

Mike M.: His 1836 ¼ real from Zacatecas Mexico, also known as a Quartille. It was in nicer condition than usually found and had an unusual design. The Mexican Federal Government allowed states to mint their own copper issues from 1824-1864. The obverse featured a flying Eros, with a Phrygian cap mounted on his arrow, flying over the city.

Herb: Some POW chits from Fort Robinson, Nebraska and Fort Jackson, South Carolina, both of which housed German POWs. He showed Polish 5- and 30-Zloty repayment notes; an envelope from a POW camp in Jamaica; and finally complete sets of POW/Civilian camp token money from Onchan (Isle of man), Curragh (Ireland) and Australia.

Harold closed with a non-numismatic item, a letter about Anders Army written in Polish, and its translation.