

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2021

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.

2021 PCNS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Meetings of the Board of Governors normally take place 30 minutes before the membership meeting in the same location. Online board meetings may begin at 7:15.

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PCNS WEBSITE

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



1265th Monthly Meeting

Summer BBQ

Saturday, September 25, 2021, 1:00 PM
Berkeley, CA

PCNS + PO BOX 475656 + SAN FRANCISCO CA 94147

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.

Buy your tickets **now**. Tickets must be purchased by **Friday, September 17** to allow for preparations. Go to the [PCNS.org](https://www.pcns.org) website and see the Meetings page for details including a button to "Pay Now." You can use a credit card or your PayPal account to pay online. (Please, **no** checks or people waiting to pay at the door this year.)

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.



REMEMBERING JERRY F. SCHIMMEL

It is with great sorrow that we report that PCNS Fellow and 50-year member Jerry F. Schimmel passed away in August. Jerry was an active member and prolific author, publishing numerous articles in PCNS publications in addition to the monograph, *The Old Streets of San Francisco: Early Street Names on Some Brass Tokens*. His encyclopedic knowledge of San Francisco history and related exonomia will be sorely missed.

AUGUST PRESENTATION RECAP

Federico talked about sheep ranching, sheep products, shearing techniques and crews, and tokens. The first sheep to arrive in the Americas were on Coronado's ships in 1540. They were Churro sheep with a coarse wool, better known for their meat. Merino sheep first arrived from Spain in 1801.

There was a difference between sheep ranching in Texas compared to other southwest states. Texas ranches were large operations with national markets. The sheep shearing twice a year was performed by traveling crews as a separate business. New Mexico, Arizona, and California were typically smaller operations with shearing supervised by the ranch owners.

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.

Contact us at webmaster@pcns.org with questions or to volunteer.

The Texas crews were mostly located in southern Texas near the Mexican border, and they would contract with ranches for their services. Most of the workers were Mexican, with first, second, and even third generations of men working together on some of the crews. Some owners of the different crew businesses were owned by branches of the same family. And sometimes a crew chief position was passed from father to son.

For hundreds of years a simple form of sheep shears was used. Electric shears sped up the process significantly. Both ways could cause injury to the sheep however, so the condition of the animals after shearing was a factor in the shearing business. There were also treatments for the skin injuries to the sheep.

The tokens of the Texas traveling crews usually provided a lot of information: the name of the crew captain and contact information (street address, city, phone number). The reverse would show the denomination in terms of how many shorn sheep were shorn. They were mostly brass and aluminum. Crew chiefs would give crew members tokens matching the number of sheep they had shorn. At the end of the week the tokens could be exchanged for cash.

The Arizona, New Mexico, and California tokens were used by ranch owners to pay their workers. Unlike Texas tokens, many of these are pictorial. Federico showed many tokens from Texas crews based along the southern Texas area as well as those from ranches in the other states. There was a photo of Navajo women shearing their own sheep. And he also showed a Santa Cruz Island Company sheep shearing token (confirmed by Bill).

We invite you to watch Federico's full presentation on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

AUGUST MEMBER EXHIBITS

Bill: A complete boxed set of George Lovett's Revolutionary War dollars. All eight were the original dollars in the lined box he showed us. While the pieces can be obtained in higher condition individually, this is one of few known original sets.

Robert J.: A 1st Interstate Wool Congress in New Mexico from the 1892 Albuquerque Commercial club, with the image of a sheep; an 1876 George Lovett second obverse Revolutionary Battle Dollar in bronze, featuring White Plains; and a store card token for R. Lovett, a Philadelphia die sinker, along with a paper receipt from the same R Lovett dated 9/9/1858 with signatures on both sides.

Doug: A his 1863 "Dix" Civil War Token with explanations about it. It features "The Flag of our Union", and "Should anyone attempt to tear it down, shoot him on the spot," with "Dix".