

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2022-23

December 28, 2022.....*Annual Business Meeting and Holiday Celebration*

Bill Hyder, Joe Beeler's Native American Portrait Medals

January 25, 2023*Harold Tuchfeld, The Rise of Rome in Judaea*

February 22, 2023*Speaker and Topic TBA**

March 22, 2023.....*Charlie Catlett, The Conder Tokens of Thomas Spence*

* See "Speak Up!" below

SPEAK UP!

There are always opportunities for **you** to make a presentation. Thanks to Zoom, you don't even 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

Due to technical difficulties at Fort Mason, we resumed online-only meetings in July, 2022. We will continue using the Zoom platform, and a meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to all members separately the day before the meeting. Special occasions, such as the annual BBQ, will continue to occur in person.

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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



1280th Monthly Meeting

Joe Beeler's Native American Portrait Medals

Bill Hyder

and

2022 Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 28, 2022, 7:30 PM

Online

PCNS + PO BOX 475656 + SAN FRANCISCO CA 94147

COWBOY ART

Joe Beeler was a well-known American painter, sculptor, and medallic artist in the twentieth century. He was a co-founder of the Cowboy Artists of America. He is best known for his portrayal of western themes, particularly Native American subjects.

Join us online on **Wednesday, December 28** when Bill Hyder will tell us about Beeler's portrait medals of Native Americans. Bring your own Western memorabilia or your recent acquisitions to share. So that everyone may participate, please take pictures of your exhibits to facilitate viewing on Zoom.

Bill's presentation will follow PCNS' annual business meeting, when we will elect officers for 2023.

STEP UP!

As another year comes to an end, it's time to elect officers for 2023. We're always looking for fresh faces to get involved in the leadership of PCNS. Note that "fresh faces" can include well-rested veterans as well as relative newcomers.

Nominations will be open at the December 28th meeting, so feel free to nominate yourself at that time.

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

Speaker Paul Turner was given a medal commemorating the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 and decided to do some research to find out more. He began with a history of the canal, which runs from Port Said (on the Mediterranean Sea) to Suez, on the Gulf of Suez section of the Red Sea.

Pharaohs in ancient Egypt tried to build a canal to connect to the Nile but failed. Napoleon's engineers said it couldn't be done, because they thought the Red Sea was a higher elevation than the Mediterranean (it isn't). It finally became a reality due in large part to French Diplomat Ferdinand de Lesseps (1805-1894) and his political connections.

Construction on the canal started in 1859, but there was a work stoppage in 1864. Arbitration was needed to resume work, and two versions of a medal were issued commemorating that, with Napoleon III on the obverse and a vignette on the reverse. Another medal was issued during the canal construction, this one in 1865. It honored Lesseps and was from delegates from various nations visiting the construction site. Seventy-nine names were listed from fifteen countries.

Several medals were issued at the completion of the canal in November 1869. A celebration occurred with 6,000 people in attendance with many dignitaries among them. Over one hundred vessels lined up for the inaugural voyage

through the canal, which took three days due to multiple celebratory stops.

Other canal inaugural medals:

- One commemorating the presence of Franz Joseph of Austria;
- Two different ones for Ishmael Pacha, Viceroy of Egypt;
- One for Victor Emmanuel of Italy;
- A medal honoring Lesseps, perhaps the most detailed of the bunch (and the one Paul owns);
- Two by Roty for the Universal Canal Company.

Paul also showed a token used during the construction, as well as one made later after completion. Finally, he showed a few other Suez Canal-related medals.

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

We have received a new member application from **Jeff Pritchard** of Bainbridge, WA. Per PCNS bylaws, Jeff will become an Active Member at the **December 28** meeting.

NOVEMBER MEMBER EXHIBITS

Stephen told us all that is known about "Sponsianus- a coin that minted a new emperor. Or the emperor who never was". It relates to a find in 1713 in the region of Dacia. Sponsianus has been in the news lately as modern archaeologists and historians, despite having no background in numismatics, have made unsubstantiated claims based on the coin. No such ruler has ever been described, but Stephen came up with a good story-none of which is true. The gold coin does appear to be indeed ancient, which would likely make it a barbaric imitation of Roman gold coins.

Michael showed several items. First was a pair of "good for 5 cents" tokens from Sutter & Powell Streets, one for Edward Goetz, one for August Goetz- but made a considerable time apart from each other by different people. Then he showed a couple PPIE-related fobs, one rarity made in bakelite, the other metal.

Charlie showed two scale weights from the ancient Near East. First was a unique piece featuring a hybrid of four different beings: head of human, forepart of a lion, body of a bee, tail of a scorpion. Second was a sphynx-shaped scale weight obtained from an auction in Israel a couple years ago. What had not been noticed about that item until it was received and photographed was an inscription, deciphered (the day of the meeting) to state "five (shekels)."