

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2022

April 27, 2022Michael Wehner, *U.S. Grant's Farewell Dinner at San Francisco's Palace Hotel*

April 27, 2022Deadline for 2022 Papers Contest Submissions

May 25, 2022Federico Castillo, *Topic TBA*

June, 2022 (date TBD)Summer BBQ

SPEAK UP!

There are several opportunities for **you** to make a presentation in the second half of the 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 IN-PERSON MEETINGS

In-person meetings of PCNS are scheduled for April and May, 2022. **In accordance with Fort Mason policy, masks are encouraged inside the building;** PCNS expects that attendees are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. We will continue using the Zoom platform to enable 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.

Please see inside for information about in-person meetings for the rest of 2022.

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Visit www.pcns.org to read our *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



1272nd Monthly Meeting

The Henry F. Muller Token Hoard

Michael Wehner

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 7:30 PM

Fort Mason Center, Building C

and
Online

PCNS + PO BOX 475656 + SAN FRANCISCO CA 94147

CHECK YOUR DRAWERS, PEOPLE

Imagine rummaging around your desk drawer, only to find a collection of fifteen tokens you purchased nearly two decades ago. Belatedly, you decide to research the collection to try to find the common thread that caused it to be created in the first place.

Join us on **Wednesday, April 27** when **Michael Wehner** will tell us more about a fascinating collection of vintage San Francisco trade tokens. Bring your appropriate items to share. So that everyone may participate, please take pictures of your exhibits to facilitate viewing on Zoom, even if you're attending in person.

Please note: *Last we heard, Fort Mason **strongly recommends** that masks be worn in all indoor spaces, including our meeting room. In addition, we expect that meeting attendees will be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.*

MARCH MEETING RECAP

Herb Miles gave a fascinating presentation on the October 25, 1879 Farewell Banquet for Ulysses S. Grant held at San Francisco's Palace Hotel.

Born Hiram Ulysses Grant in Point Pleasant, Ohio on April 27, 1822, he took on the name Ulysses S. Grant upon enrollment at West Point. Congressman Thomas L. Hamer nominated him to the US Military Academy using the incorrect name and Grant accepted that error rather than go through the enrollment process again using his real name.

Grant seemed uninterested in most subjects in school, however he excelled at arithmetic and enjoyed working with horses. He was adept at topographical maps and life drawing but it was his prowess as a horseman that allowed him to remain at the Academy. Grant graduated 21st of 39 in 1843. His military successes before and during the Civil War were in contrast to his personal business ventures, none of which came to fruition.

After two terms as US President (1869 to 1877), marred by nepotism, Grant embarked on a world tour that lasted two years and seven months. He was well suited for travel due to his war experience and travels west prior to the Civil War. A journalist named John Russell Young accompanied Grant and his family on the world tour and produced a successful two volume account of the tour once it ended.

Grant returned to the US, arriving in San Francisco on September 20, 1879. The city of San Francisco prepared a farewell dinner in his honor to be held at the Palace Hotel on October 25. More than 200 guests attended the banquet in which a magnificent multi-course dinner was served. Each male guest was identified by a silver rectangular name card which was placed at his spot at the

WRITE NOW!

The submission deadline for the 2022 Papers Contest is the **April 27** meeting. Important: Refer to the publication section of pcns.org for the contest rules and our copyright policy.

banquet. Herb was able to track five of the cards that have sold in the last few years, although more may still exist.

Mark Twain negotiated with Grant to write his memoirs and he did so while terminally ill with cancer. He spent his last six weeks in the Adirondack Mountains working on his memoirs passing away on July 23, 1885.

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

MARCH MEMBER EXHIBITS

Doug showed a 1922 U.S. Grant commemorative half dollar.

Stephen shared a silver teaspoon from the Palace Hotel.

Michael W showed several porcelain medals from the DDR (the former East Germany) and some passes.

Ed shared an 1879-S Morgan silver dollar, which may or may not have been struck on the day of the Grant farewell dinner.

Jeff showed a modern four-piece gold Eagle proof set and a 1895 silver proof set.

TIME TO AIR OUT YOUR HAWAIIAN SHIRT!

We are planning to have our 2022 Summer BBQ in June. Details are still coming together, so look for more information in the next *Bulletin*.

UPDATE REGARDING IN-PERSON MEETINGS

When we resumed having in-person meetings last November, we hoped that having a hybrid meeting structure (in person and online) would work. Our first five in-person meetings have been plagued by technical problems. And since even locals appreciate the convenience of Zoom, fewer people than ever are attending in person.

So, we have decided to suspend in-person meetings after the May 25 meeting, resuming Zoom-only meetings for the rest of the year. Special occasions, such as the annual BBQ and holiday party, will continue to occur in person. Stay tuned!