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1285th Monthly Meeting

Isaac F. Wood Satirical Medals: A Work in Progress

William D. Hyder

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 7:30 PM PDT
Online



Isaac F. Wood was a well-known numismatist in the late 19th Century. He was instrumental in getting the American Numismatic Society back on its feet after the Civil War, and played a role in launching *The American Journal of Numismatics*.

Wood also commissioned a number of medals relating to politics, sometimes with a satirical take. Join us online on **Wednesday, May 24** when PCNS Fellow and Vice President **William Hyder** will discuss his recent research into Wood's satirical medals.

Plan to exhibit your satirical medals or your recent acquisitions. So that everyone may participate, please take pictures of your exhibits to facilitate viewing on Zoom.



APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Speaker Jeff Pritchard, a retired financial planner and philanthropic advisor, provided important information about planning for the future of your collection after you're no longer around to deal with it. He started by mentioning six potential numismatic nightmares:

- Heirs sell the collection for bullion value.
- Items are spent at face value (which will likely be less than bullion value).
- Your collection may become a future hoard, if nobody knows where it is located.
- The collection ends up in the hands of someone who has no interest in or knowledge of the collection or its true value.
- Transfer may trigger unexpected Federal and/or State Estate and Gift Tax consequences.
- Home invasion, theft, or other loss.

Jeff discussed five options for the proper liquidation or transfer of your collection. He listed pros and cons of each, with lots of details to consider for each possibility. They are:

- Sell your collection during your lifetime
- Gift your collection during your lifetime
- Gift your collection through your estate

- Donating it to charity during your lifetime
- Donating it to charity through your estate

Two particularly important points Jeff mentioned were to create detailed written instructions about disposing of your collection and keeping detailed records about each purchase for potential capital gains tax purposes.

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

HAWAIIAN SHIRT TIME!

Our 2023 Summer BBQ will take place on **Saturday, June 24** in Berkeley. Cost per person is \$15 payable in advance by PayPal. Deadline for ticket purchases is Friday, June 16. Please visit the [PCNS website](#) to get your tickets today!

APRIL MEMBER EXHIBITS

Stephen began by sharing an invitation to the upcoming coronation of King Charles III (though he doesn't actually have one himself). He does have an interesting snuff box or coin box, with the lid consisting of a silver 1689 jeton featuring the coronation of William and Mary. The reverse (inside the lid) features a mythical scene. Stephen mentioned a late PCNS member who left a collection of coins with conjoined busts and coronation *(continues...)*

PCNS MEETINGS

PCNS meetings take place at 7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of most months. Currently, meetings are held online using the Zoom platform, thereby allowing members, presenters, and guests to attend no matter where they are located. Everyone with an interest in numismatics is welcome to attend. A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to all members separately the day before the meeting; non-members can request a link by emailing webmaster@pcns.org.

Special occasions, such as the annual BBQ, will continue to occur in person.

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2023

May 24, 2023	William D. Hyder, <i>Isaac F. Wood Satirical Medals: A Work in Progress</i>
June 24, 2023	Summer BBQ
July 26, 2023	John Duff, <i>Early Toy Coins</i>
August 23, 2023	Douglas Ward, <i>Half Unions, Half Measures, and Hidden Treasurers</i>
September 27, 2023	Speaker and Topic TBA*

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. Your topic can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

APRIL MEMBER EXHIBITS (CONT'D)

medals; this was an item that was left over from what could be sold.

John D showed us his example of a Thomas Spence Conder token farthing that was shown in last month's talk. It features a cat on one side, with shadowing (the British term for a die clash) easily seen. We discussed how die clashes happen.

Bill showed us purchases from his recent trips to the ANA show in Phoenix and to a WESTS Token Show.

- A shell card piece from Phoenix
- Re-union of Confederate Veterans token from his Civil War era collection
- An 1892 San Francisco Lee Davis store card token made by Klinker, with the Lord's Prayer on the reverse.
- An early California gaming piece featuring fighting bears, from 1850.
- Another early California patriotic token from 1861.

Charlie talked about protecting your collections, showing

photos of the remnants left from the 2017 Tubbs Fire in Santa Rosa. Besides protecting your home and insuring it, protecting your collection with a good 2-hour fire rated safe and insuring it are strongly recommended. Such a safe protected Charlie's collection from that fire. Most people in the area weren't so lucky and ended up with lumps of melted metal.



Isaac F. Wood Tokens Honoring Ulysses S. Grant

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