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1281st Monthly Meeting

The Rise of Rome in Judaea 161-37 BCE

Harold Tuchfeld

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Online

The region known today as Israel and Palestine has been subjected to conquest, colonization, and occupation a seemingly uncountable number of times in recorded history. As numismatists, we know that one way of learning about a particular historical period is to study the relevant coinage.

Join us online on **Wednesday, January 25** when Harold Tuchfeld will relate the history of Roman domination of Judaea, with related depictions in coinage. Bring your own Roman coinage or your recent acquisitions to share. So that everyone may participate, please take pictures of your exhibits to facilitate viewing on Zoom.



DECEMBER MEETING RECAP

Bill first learned about the medals of Joe Beeler while visiting a museum at the corporate headquarters of Basha's Grocery Store Chain in Chandler, Arizona. [Basha's is now owned by Raley's Supermarkets]. Joe Beeler was a Native American and a cowboy, an artist who worked in multiple media. Bill presented a nice biography of Joe, who was a founding member of Cowboy Artists of America- an organization that you need to be invited into. Joe's focus was for Southwestern cowboy art to be taken legitimately, and his interest was in realism. Two of his early medals were produced as a thanks to supporters.

Eddie Basha, a cofounder of Basha's Grocery Store chain in Arizona, began collecting Western Art in 1971. This is when he met Joe Beeler- a story Bill did not have time to go into. Because of his support, Eddie became known as the 'Patron Saint' of Western Art. When he died in 2013 his large collection was donated to the museum housed in Basha's Corporate Headquarters.

Eddie liked to give Christmas presents away every year, and he commissioned a series of 24 annual medals (which he called 'paperweights') as Christmas gifts. These ~90mm medals were never sold- they were only given away. This is why there hadn't been information about them until recently and why they have been slow to enter the numismatic marketplace. Initially they were bronze, with a

DAVID W. LANGE (1958—2023)

Late breaking news: PCNS Fellow and past president David W. Lange lost his multi-year battle with cancer on Monday, January 16, 2023.

David joined PCNS in 1982, years before he became known among the wider numismatic community. He edited *The Journal* for PCNS from 1986 into 1988. He kept his PCNS membership current and Active since first joining, even after moving away while a Fellow. He rarely attended in recent years, but the last time he was able to attend at Fort Mason, he gave a presentation on new discoveries among the submissions he saw at NGC.

David's contributions to the study and appreciation of numismatics are legendary, and his passing will leave a permanent void in the field.

mintage of 500. But they gained in popularity and production increased to 750 annually in bronze with additional ones in pewter.

Bill has a set of medals from every year. Some of his are pewter editions. He reviewed the carefully designed portraits on each of the medals, highlighting Joe's technique in producing portraits of Native Americans. Only one year did not feature a person; instead, it had a bison on it.

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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

January 25, 2023.....	Harold Tuchfeld, <i>The Rise of Rome in Judaea</i>
February 22, 2023.....	Michael Wehner, <i>A Token & Medal Miscellany</i>
March 22, 2023.....	Charlie Catlett, <i>The Conder Tokens of Thomas Spence</i>
April 26, 2023.....	Deadline for 2023 Papers Contest Submissions
April 26, 2023.....	Speaker and Topic TBA*
May 24, 2023.....	Speaker and Topic TBA*
June, 2023 (exact date to be announced).....	Summer BBQ

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.

MEETING RECAP (CONT'D)

The 24th and last Native American Portrait medal in the set was produced only for Congressional Medal of Honor winners, with 110 produced. Bill was fortunate to obtain one of these and relayed the valiant history of the winner of that award.

Joe Beeler passed away in 2006, and Bill showed a nice commemorative medal made in his honor.

Unfortunately, due to a logistical snafu, there is no recording of Bill's presentation.

WRITE! NOW!

The submission deadline for the 2023 Papers Contest is the **April 26** meeting. Important: Refer to the publication section of pcns.org for the contest rules and our copyright policy.

DECEMBER MEMBER EXHIBITS

Charlie L talked about work by Gregory Perillo (1927-2021). He showed a 7-1/2" diameter bronze high relief plaque. He also showed a photo of Alan Houser's image of an Apache Hunt on a medal.

Doug talked about his research efforts at the Stanford Research Library on a U.S. Mint Director. He also gave us an update on the newest 1922 Matte Proof Peace Dollar discovered in Europe. It has been graded Proof-60 Genuine by PCGS. and will be auctioned off in February 2023. Further details are hard to come by, but Doug is on the case. Updates to come!

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

We have received a new member application from **Dean Ristenpart** of Concord, CA. Per PCNS bylaws, Dean will become an Active Member at the **February 22** meeting.

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