

Raffle

Gordon Donnell won a Coin Shot Glass

Jack Free took home a Gold-plated paperweight
picturing the St. Gaudens \$10 Gold Piece

Larry Reppeteau won One Ounce Silver Round from the
South East Refining Inc. of Panama City, Florida

Gordon Donnell won (again) a San Francisco Taxicab
Medallion expiring on June 30, 2002, serial #0473

Federico Castillo walked away with a Paper Pocket Pig Coin
Saver from the Santa Rosa Savings, made to hold \$4.00 in
silver quarters



The design selected by the governor for the 2005 state quarter
honoring California.

Banquet and other calendar items

The annual banquet will be Saturday, June 26, 2004 at the Gold
Mirror Restaurant, 18th and Taraval Streets, San Francisco. The
menu will include Fish of the Day, Veal, or Chicken. Why not send
in your banquet form today?

The CSNA educational symposium will be on Saturday, October
2, 2004 at Fort Mason in San Francisco. Speakers will be
announced in next month's Bulletin.

PCNS is actively soliciting papers for the 2004 Literary contest.
You know that you have a numismatic topic worth writing about,
now is your chance!

Steve Huston has printed up a quantity of cards advertising
PCNS. Contact the Society if you are able to distribute these
to prospective members.



1056th meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

8:00PM Wednesday April 28, 2004

Fort Mason, Building C, Room 362
San Francisco, California



The Granite Lady and the Fire *Larry Reppeteau*

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IMPORTANT: New PCNS Address

Please note a change of address for the Society as indicated on the front page of this Bulletin. All correspondence to the Society should be sent to the new address.

Please join us Wednesday, April 28, 2004 to hear *Larry Reppeteau* speak about the Granite Lady and how it survived the great earthquake and fire of 1906.

1055th Meeting March 24, 2004. A Short Geographical Lesson on the Provinces of China and their Coins *Ken Takahashi* (reviewed by *Herb Miles*)

Ken Takahashi presented a very fine talk on the 22-23 provinces of China and their coinage. Ken had prepared a number of handouts to allow members to read along with his chalk interpretation of Chinese characters and the more modern westernized spelling (Pinyin). Ken taught us how to date Chinese coins with instructions on numerals, the Chinese calendar, and a handout describing the 60-year cyclical dating system.

Ken presented a very well done talk, enlightening us about how the Chinese use simple landmark names to distinguish the provinces. For example, many province names use mostly descriptive adjectives and nouns such as Hubei for “north of the river,” Hunan for “south of the river,” Beijing for “northern capital,” and Chong Jiang or the “long river” for the Yangtze. Many landmarks and provinces use simple feature descriptions to make it easy to remember their location by native speakers.

Of course, Ken brought some Chinese coinage to share with us, mostly silver dollars that he used to show how to date in the cyclical or 60 year dating method common on these late date 19th century coins. A very well done talk, too detailed to summarize adequately here; you should have been there!

Exhibits

Mark Wm. Clark brought several more items from his recent trip to Mexico City, a sheet containing 4 lottery tickets

from San Pedro Puebla and an A. Grosso of Colon, Panama token (only one other known!).

Jack Free brought a large silver round featuring the Golden Gate Bridge and the China Clipper airplane whose trip ended in the Philippines instead of China and a beautiful Panama-Pacific Souvenir Penny with luster!

Gordon Donnell exhibited his complete 100 Year silver dollar type set, i.e., a Morgan Dollar & Walking Liberty Silver Eagle for each year from 1886-1986 through 2004. Gordon must wait until 2021 to match the next pair!

Cal Rogers exhibited a large Fukien Province 20 Cash copper piece that has been chopped and told a story of a significant Chinese rebellion that took place during this time period.

Frank Strazzarino brought a grouping of Chinese copper coins that he acquired in a temple in Shanghai during his military service during World War II.

Michael Wehner exhibited a very nice 1894 California Midwinter Fair bimetallic medal featuring the Golden Gate *sans* bridge on one side and the California Bear on the other and a 1898-1899 Spanish-American War medal from California.

Federico Castillo, just returned from Costa Rica, brought a copy of a book on Costa Rican Banknotes featuring notes from 1858 through 2001, many in full color.

Jerry Schimmel exhibited 2 nice San Francisco tokens from the Ocean Shore Railroad Saloon, 5 cent & 10 cent brass octagonal pieces. This RR was formed in 1905 to go from San Francisco to Santa Cruz, but the route was never completed; it went only to Half Moon Bay, then a passenger had to take a bus the remainder of the trip.

Larry Reppeteau brought a wonderful grouping of his Chinese coins and exonomia including 2 carved cowries, an “ant nose” piece from 404-221 BC, a “Ghost Face” piece, some Wu Hsu pieces, and a very fine “Knife Money” piece reading “Brilliant Land” and “East Mountain Pass.”

Herb Miles brought a new 2004 Jefferson Nickel, (no more Monticello and counting the steps) and a Chinese cash piece that proved to be genuine after further study.