

Jerry Schimmel brought a wonderful award that he just received from TAMS, the Token & Medal Society, an eight ounce gold plated silver medal for his article on brothel tokens!

Rick Webster exhibited some very interesting items from his growing San Francisco memorabilia collections; a “trivet” from the 1894 Midwinter Fair, a Knights Templar 1883 Silver Triennial medal, and some British-related Caribbean pieces, from Essequibo and Demarary, British Guiana, and Barbados.

Raffle

Larry Reppeteau won aluminum & bronze CSNA medals from the January 2004 Convention in San Jose.

Frank Strazzarino won A Bank of America “Lucky Grocery Store” token.

Jerry Schimmel won a Bank of America “Kaiser Center” key chain fob.

Lori Reppeteau won a One Ounce .999 fine silver bar featuring a Concord Stagecoach.

Larry Reppeteau won a Sterling silver spoon picturing the State Capital, Cliff House in San Francisco, Mission Garden, with the sun setting over the bridgeless Golden Gate.

Frank Strazzarino won an Elongated 5 cent piece from the last ANA Convention.

Federico Castillo won a grouping of numismatic give-aways from the last ANA Convention (donated by Gordon Donnell).

New Member

One of our speakers from the symposium, Hal Dunn of Elko, Nevada, has applied for membership to the Society. Please welcome Hal to the PCNS!

* Keen readers of PCNS publications will recognize the front cover “GOK” as an eighteenth century British medalet from Larry Reppeteau’s 2001 article on medalets of the The Sentimental Magazine.



1062nd meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society 8:00PM Wednesday October 27, 2004



Steve Huston **Field Guide to GOKs***

*** God only knows.**

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Please join us Wednesday, October 27 to hear Steve Huston tell us how to investigate and possibly attribute your unidentified coins, medals, tokens, etc.

1061st Meeting September 22, 2004. Costa Rican Coinage

Federico Castillo (reviewed by *Herb Miles*)

Federico Castillo gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation on the coinage of Costa Rica, a small country in Central America, Costa Rica currently has about 4,000,000 inhabitants and is about the size of Virginia. Independence was gained on September 15, 1821, and cocoa beans were used as a currency substitute prior to the first coins in 1825.

Its numismatic history is a fascinating blend of mysterious issues, intrigue with various mint masters and assayers, and the political occurrences in Latin America. One interesting fact about the coinage of Costa Rica is since it lacked access to metals, many, many issues are counter-stamped chiefly over Spanish and Mexican silver coins, although counter-stamped U.S. and British coins are also known.

Early coins feature tobacco plants, a cash crop for many years, and the radiant sun peering over the pointed range of mountainous volcanoes. Frequent counter-stamps use a six pointed star, the radiant sun over mountains, and a woman's bust.

At times in its history, Costa Rica has been a part of Spain, the Central American Republic, and Mexico. It is a fascinating history, all the more because of the unusual number of counter-stamped issues

PCNS Members Receive Awards

A number of PCNS members have recently received some important national awards. Congratulations!

Gordon Donnell received the Glenn Smedley Award, the third highest honor of the American Numismatic Association.

Jerry Schimmel received the David Schenkman Literary Award, the highest literary award of the Tokens and Medals Society.

Steve Album is the 2003 recipient of the Archer M. Huntington Medal Award from The American Numismatic Society. His lecture, "Inflationary Currency in Ilkhan Iran in the Fourteenth Century" will be on October 23, 2004 at the ANS in New York.

Michael "Stan" Turrini was named "Outstanding Adult Advisor" by the American Numismatic Association.

Results of the PCNS papers contest.

First Place: Elliot Wehner "U.S. Military Currency after Military Payment Certificates"

Second Place: Rick Webster "Medieval English Tokens 1200 – 1425 AD"

Third Place: Michael Wehner "Halfway to the Stars! San Francisco Cable Car Exonumia"

Exhibits

Gordon Donnell brought a trainload of numismatic items from the ANA Convention; including the Glen Smedley Award, another wonderful award he has garnered for his many years of service as well as a "World Mint Passport", a signed brochure by current Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore, an elongated coin set from TEC and ANA, Gallery Mint Hobo Nickels from 2003 & 2004, a Mercury Dime, and a Roman coin, an aluminum business card from the Northern Mint, an ANA Banquet silver medal (donated by Silvertowne), a Carnegie Medal celebrating their 100th anniversary, and an ANA program. Whew!!!

Michael Wehner proudly exhibited his 1906 San Francisco twenty dollar gold piece, a Numismatic News article featuring PCNS President *Sarah Nordin*, and an advertisement for a 1795 five Dollar gold replica that Larry was especially interested in.

Frank Strazzarino brought some coins of Costa Rica in celebration of our speaker, a 20, 10, 5, 2, 1 colones, and 50 & 25 centimos, plus a 1 peso from Guatemala.