

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2018

Feb 28.....Jerry Schimmel, *San Francisco's Barbary Coast and Its Brass Checks*
Mar 28.....Michael Wehner, *Award medals of the California State Agricultural Society*
Apr 25.....**Deadline for *Papers* submissions**
Apr 25.....*Speaker & Topic TBA**
May 23.....Federico Castillo, topic TBA
Jun.....Saturday BBQ, date TBA
Jul - Nov.....*Speakers & Topics TBA**
Dec 27Holiday gathering and elections

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SPEAK UP!

A quick look at the 2018 Calendar above reveals that there is ample opportunity for **you** to make a presentation in the coming months: April and July through November are all open.

This is a great chance to talk about your favorite numismatic topic. It can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*.

Email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

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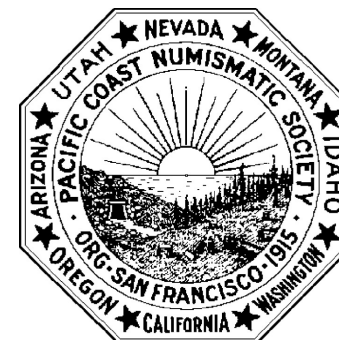
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1222nd Monthly Meeting of the

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



San Francisco's Barbary Coast and Its Brass Checks

Jerry Schimmel

Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 7:30 PM

Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco

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WHERE TO SIN IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco's Barbary Coast, home to a "horde of gamblers, thieves, harlots, politicians, and other felonious parasites," occupied the area around Pacific Street (as they called it then) between Kearny and the waterfront. In the purple prose of Herbert Asbury, author of the 1933 treatise *The Barbary Coast*, it was a "unique criminal district that for almost seventy years was the scene of more viciousness and depravity, but which at the same time possessed more glamour, than any other area of vice and iniquity on the American continent."

Now renamed the "Jackson Square Historic District," one must look closely to find traces of this seedy past among the tony antique shops,

understated law offices, and quaint galleries. You can find the current dens of iniquity on Broadway, one block north.

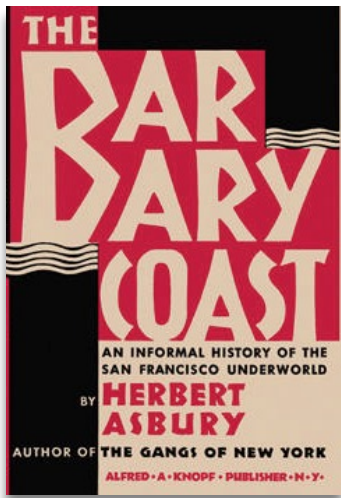
PCNS Fellow Jerry Schimmel will give a presentation on the the exnumia of this notorious time and place, as commerce of all sorts inspires clever ways to exchange goods and services. Bring souvenirs of your own (or someone else's) racy past for show-and-tell.

JANUARY MEETING RECAP

Ken Takahashi shared the story of the Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson. Always in poor health, Stevenson moved frequently to various locations in England, France, and the United States to find a better climate. Along the way Stevenson met Fanny Van de Grift Osbourne, marrying her after her divorce.

To meet the challenge of keeping Fanny's son entertained, Stevenson wrote adventure novels, including *Treasure Island*. In it, we follow young Jim Hawkins in his search for the hoard using an old pirate map where "X" marks the spot. Coins included in the treasure chest would have included the French Louis d'Or, British Guinea, Spanish Pillar Dollar (pieces of eight), Peruvian Double Escudo (doubloons), Portuguese Moidore, and Venetian Zecchino.

Having settled with Fanny in Samoa in 1888, Stevenson died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1894, at the age of 44.



WRITE. NOW!

Sharpen your pencils, replace your typewriter ribbon, or fire up the word processing machine: There's still time to share your numismatic research with your fellow PCNS members. The submission deadline for the 2018 Papers Contest is the **April 25** meeting. See the publication section of pcns.org for the contest rules and our copyright policy.

JANUARY MEMBER EXHIBITS

Mark: A 1938 Panama medal/token, a 1906 token from Bangor, Maine, and two Lincoln cents, 1910-S and 1911-S, both of questionable authenticity.

Stephen: An October 1999 Canadian Quarter, and a European "treasure chest" consisting of a low-quality Cambodian silver and three fake Roman bronzes.

Ken: a fake Hawaiian quarter, a Trump silver medal and examples of his *Treasure Island* coins.

Michael: 1808 10 cash copper coin from the Admiral Gardner shipwreck.

Herb: San Francisco raffle tickets for the Missus Sunset contest, date unknown.

Ed: A Cuba 5 Peso celebrating the lighthouse at Alexandria, a Cuba 1 Peso with the Havana Fort Lighthouse and a Barbados five cent lighthouse coin.

Dan: 1904 Victor David Brenner New York Historical Society Centennial medal, a self-engraved 1927 Lincoln essay medal, and a copy of *The Numismatist* from 1949.

Jason: 1875-S Double Eagle from the Saddle Ridge Hoard and a 1901-S Double Eagle which he asserts is from the Dimmick theft, because you can't prove it isn't.

JANUARY RAFFLE RESULTS

Jason: First official issue Euros 2000-2002.

Federico: Proof Gettysburg 25 cent piece "certified" by Littleton.

Ed: 6 commemorative silver-plated crown medallions of William and Catherine the future King and Queen of England.

Jerry: 100 Peso Japanese Philippine invasion note and a bag of 1973 Lincoln cents.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

- **Richard G. Stevenson III** of Los Angeles, CA
- **Joseph Friedrich** of Oakland, CA

Per our Bylaws, they will become Active Members of the PCNS at the February 28 meeting.