

## PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2018

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 - Aug.....*Speakers & Topics TBA\**  
Sep.....Jeff Shevlin, *So-called Dollars from the Pacific Coast Expositions*  
Oct - Nov.....*Speakers & Topics TBA\**  
Dec 27.....Holiday gathering and elections  
\* See Speak Up! below

## 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, July, August, October, and 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](mailto:webmaster@pcns.org) to sign up.

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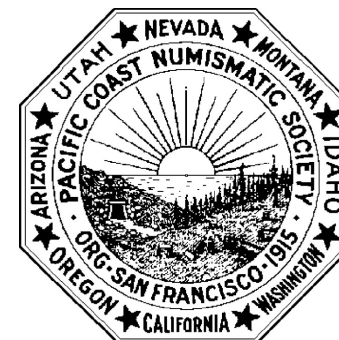
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## 1223<sup>rd</sup> Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



## Award Medals of the California State Agricultural Society

*Michael Wehner*

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 7:30 PM

Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco

PCNS + PO BOX 475656 + SAN FRANCISCO CA 94147

## “PROCESSED FRUIT & FLOWERS”

The first California State Fair took place in October, 1854, on Bush Street east of Kearny in San Francisco. Sponsored by the California State Agricultural Society, the Fair eventually settled in Sacramento, where it continues to this day as Cal Expo.



The purpose of the Fair was to showcase the diverse bounty of California agriculture, wildlife, and industry.

Medals and ribbons were awarded in a wide variety of

categories, including livestock, produce, arts and crafts, and manufacturing.

Join us on **March 28** as Michael Wehner presents an overview of the medals awarded over the Fair's long history.



## FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

Herb announced that the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) will be holding their fifth annual California Numismatic Seminar on Saturday, September 15. In addition, CSNA is actively seeing suggestions for increasing their membership.

Richard Stevenson III of Los Angeles and Joseph Friedrich of Oakland were added to the membership rolls.

### WRITE. NOW!

Sharpen your pencils, fill your inkwell, 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 publications section of [pcns.org](http://pcns.org) for the contest rules and our copyright policy.

## FEBRUARY (CONT'D)

PCNS Fellow Jerry Schimmel gave a fascinating presentation on the “brass checks” of San Francisco's Barbary Coast. Prior to 1920, the area around Pacific Street and Kearny was home to numerous saloons, dance halls, and brothels, sometimes all in the same building. In the aftermath of the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, several proprietors began using tokens, promoting drinks and dancing. Women would entertain male patrons, encouraging them to spend more time and money on liquor. For years, authorities attempted to limit unsavory activity by regulating, among other things, the parts of the city where women were legally allowed to work.

Hobbled by increased enforcement of the Red Light Abatement Act of 1913, this particular branch of the entertainment industry was finally driven underground by the enactment of Prohibition in 1920.

Jerry brought a large collection of tokens, including 25 cent Maggie Kelly Dance Hall token, Sam King 5 and 10 cent tokens, The Violet Saloon 10 cent token as well as saloon or dance tokens from The Campfire and The Golden City. Other tokens shown included tokens from The Owl Dance Hall, The Moulin Rouge, I Wells 28 Ross Alley, The OK, The Cascade Saloon, The Thalia, The Hippodrome among many others.

## FEBRUARY MEMBER EXHIBITS

**Mark:** Bits and Pieces from Long Beach, including a mystery medal and coin holders from Sweden.

**Charlie:** A medal from the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition.

**Herb:** A Rose Brothel token from San Francisco.

**Stephen:** British royal seal, with Queen Anne's coat of arms, c. 1707.

**Chris:** Three miscellaneous items in Capitol plastic holders.

**Federico:** An advertising mirror for Dr. Nathan's California Vinegar Bitters, and an ostrich token, possibly from the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition.

## COMING TO A MAILBOX NEAR YOU

The 2017 Papers of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, the largest issue in years with seven illustrated articles spanning 48 pages, will be mailed to all members before the March 28 meeting. Congratulations to Michael Wehner, Jerry Schimmel, and William Hyder for their winning contributions!

