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1290th Monthly Meeting
American Slavery & the Liberty Cap
Jeff Pritchard
Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 7:30 PM PDT
Online

The Liberty Cap (a.k.a. the Phrygian Cap) has been an enduring image on U.S. coinage since the 1790s. Originally it was the symbol of manumission (Roman slaveholders gave them to slaves they had willingly freed). In addition to the Confederate half dollar to the right, examples include the 1793 half cent, 1866 half dollar, 1794 cent, and the 1884 dollar.

Join us online on **Wednesday, October 25** when **Jeff Pritchard** examines three historical numismatic vignettes in which the intersection of the Liberty Cap with American slavery is poignant, thought provoking, and at times tragically ironic. Plan to exhibit your own favorite Liberty Cap coins or your recent acquisitions. So that everyone may participate, please take pictures of your exhibits to facilitate viewing on Zoom.



SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

Michael Wehner has been on the road a lot lately, and September's talk was a travelogue of his visit to the numismatic collection of the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna. Specifically, the two-plus hours he spent just in the Medals Cabinet!

A large part of the collection was originally from the collection of Kaiser Franz Josef, and Michael started off with an impressive medal with his portrait. The rest of the show was a viewing of medals starting with cast Renaissance medals and progressing chronologically to the present.

Unlike many vacation slide shows, Michael's was filled with fascinating, well-framed, and in-focus images of interesting subjects. Since mere words cannot do justice to the actual presentation, we invite you to watch Michael's talk on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

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 2023-24

October 25, 2023 **Jeff Pritchard**, *American Slavery & the Liberty Cap*

November 29, 2023 **Matt Ruttle**, *JB Frener: Central America's Most Prolific Engraver*

December 27, 2023 **Annual Meeting** and **Election of Officers** for 2024, *Speaker and Topic TBA**

January 24, 2024 *Speaker and Topic TBA**

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. Your topic can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

SEPTEMBER MEMBER EXHIBITS

Bill talked about medals produced by Edward Sawyer (1913). All were galvanos, featuring portraits of Native Americans. He had arranged to purchase some, but the deal fell through. Then he bought seven others, with maybe one or two more pending arrival. They are very rare, and an article about them is forthcoming.

Stephen showed us an 1848 note issued by Venice- its first paper money ever issued. He told the story of the note's issue.

Bob showed some of his antique finish US Mint medals- Pearl Harbor Survivors, Yosemite, Rabbi Schneerson, Colin Powell, Persian Gulf Veterans.

Charlie C talked about the book *The Numismatourist*,

published in 2014. It lists numismatic museums all over the world. Three nice museums Charlie visited so far were the Bode Museum (Berlin), Monnaie de Paris (Paris Mint), and Casa de Moneda (Bogota).

Michael showed us some of his examples of Renaissance medals.

John talked about an interesting white metal Conder Token commemorating the 1791 Birmingham Riots, known as a "Sedition Penny".

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